

Reading Out of Poverty

We are a not for profit organisation called Reading out of Poverty. We deliver literacy programs to children aged between 0-5. We focus on families that live in marginalise areas.

We have 2 focuses:

1. Children grow a love and a habit for reading and
2. their homes become literacy rich.

These areas include Dandenong, Springvale, Doveton, certain suburbs in Geelong and have done previous and on going work in the commission housing in South Melbourne and Fitzroy.

We run a number of programs:

1. Story Times - trained volunteers will read to children and parents in their playgroup sessions. This is demonstrating to parents how to read as well as monthly teaching parents how to be the 'first teacher' to their children.
2. Christmas Gift Giving - Every child we are associated with will get a present at Christmas, this involves 2 books.
3. Maternity ward - This is giving every mum that comes through an English children's book, a development book and a book in their own language.
4. Pop-up Libraries - These can be fixed libraries that we start, meaning we set up books and a bookshelf in a community centres, GP clinics, any other populated area associated with an organisation where children and parents can come and the books. We don't want these books back, we re-stock these once they need more.

Our other libraries are ones that volunteers bring to a train stations and other populated areas and give away books.

These are just some of our programs to give you an idea of what we do.

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