

Take action!

After you read and discuss your books, plan a service project.

K-Kids Read & Lead books don't just help kids become better readers—they inspire kids to make a difference in the world around them. A community service project is a great way to focus all their energy, passion and excitement. The K-Kids IDEA toolkit can help.

The IDEA toolkit is a four-step guide with information about conducting high-impact service projects—the kind that leave a lasting impact on the community, and on everyone who made it happen.

Within each step, students:

- Read through the outlines and worksheets.
- Work together to decide which activities to do—both as a team and separately.
- Decide who will lead everyone through the activities.

The four steps of IDEA

I - Identify the need

Students participate in activities that challenge them to investigate the service needs in their school and community. The Read & Lead books will help guide your group down a specific service path.

D - Develop the passion

Students use Read & Lead books to learn more about the service area they're interested in addressing. They brainstorm ideas, decide on a project and bring awareness to their cause.

E - Execute the project

Students learn what details must be decided to execute a service project.

A - Advance the impact

Students take time to think of all that was accomplished, and they make plans to continue participating in service.



Service ideas

Bully prevention

- Plan a school-wide kindness campaign. Hand out book on kindness. Display posters.
- Build a “buddy bench” for the school playground.
- Start a lunch-buddy club. Members make sure no one in the lunch room eats alone.
- Organize a monthly book club. Choose books with themes that encourage inclusiveness.

The environment

- Plan a school-wide event on Earth Day. Clean up a local park, or raise money to plant trees or flowers.
- Start a recycling effort, or help with the one that’s already happening at school.
- Repurpose old clothing, books and toys. Plan a collection drive.
- Repurpose trash and turn it into art. Work with the school’s art teacher to come up with ideas.
- Start a community garden.

Hunger

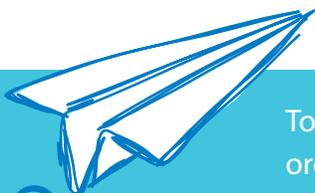
- Conduct a food drive and donate to the local food pantry.
- Start a community garden and give the harvest to the food pantry.
- Collect travel-friendly meal options and stuff backpacks for students in need.
- Prepare sack lunches and deliver them to local shelters and pantries.

Literacy

- Organize a story-reading marathon. Invite parents and kids to attend.
- Organize a book swap. The price of entry is one well-read book.
- Stage a read-athon. Encourage all students to get pledges for the number of pages or books they will read over a two- to four-week period.

Ordinary people change the world

- Find ordinary heroes in your school or community and honor them.
- Thank military heroes. Write thank-you cards to veterans and/or soldiers currently in the military.
- Write letters to family members about the positive impact they’ve made on you.
- Create cards praising others and give them to people when you see them doing something kind.



To learn more, visit [kkids.org/IDEA](https://www.kkids.org/IDEA). You’ll find step-by-step instructions for organizing service projects. Remember to share the K-Kids Read & Lead books that inspired your group—so others can be inspired too!