



IMPACT Newsletter

October 2019

President's Message

Our goal at the PPS Foundation is to positively impact every Peoria Public Schools student. This is why our work with the Little Free Libraries and Little Free Pantries is so important. As we begin this season of giving, we need **YOUR** help to keep the libraries stocked with books and the pantries stocked with non-perishable food. Check out the video below to find out more details on how you can help.



Book Drive for Peoria Public Schools' Little Free Libraries

Help us reach our goal of collecting 10,000 books to fill our 15 Little Free Libraries for the entire school year! New and gently used books can be dropped off at The Book Rack or any of the Peoria Public Schools that have a Little Free Library. See flyer below for location detail.

Financial donations are also welcomed! [Click here](#) to donate and chose the Little Free Libraries option.

Help Us Collect 10,000 Books!

Peoria Public Schools

in partnership with
The Peoria Public Schools Foundation
is sponsoring a community-wide book drive to
collect

10,000 books

to keep

The Little Free Libraries

filled for the 2019-2020 school year!

When children have a home library,
as few as **20 books** of their own at home
(*think: one bookshelf full*), they achieve
three more years of schooling than children
who don't have any books at home.

Little Free Libraries

allow children to borrow a book, take it
home, read it, share it, keep it or bring it back.

DONATE. TAKE. KEEP. RETURN.



OCTOBER 11th-26th

Please bring your donations to any
Peoria Public School with a Little Free Library or
to The BOOK RACK at Oak Cliff Center,
Lake & Knoxville in Peoria.

Little Free Library locations:

- Charter Oak
- Dr. Maude Sanders
- Franklin
- Glen Oak
- Harrison
- Hines
- Kellar
- Lincoln
- Northmoor
- Thomas Jefferson
- Roosevelt Magnet
- Trewyn
- Whittier
- Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Center
- St. Paul Baptist Church

All types of children & youth books are
needed. *NEW & GENTLY USED*

- Fiction & Nonfiction
- Picture Books
- Early Readers
- Chapter Books
- Young Adult Books

Financial donations are also welcomed!

Please make checks payable to
PPS Foundation/Book Drive

and mail to:

5901 N. Prospect Rd. Suite 14E
Peoria, Illinois 61614

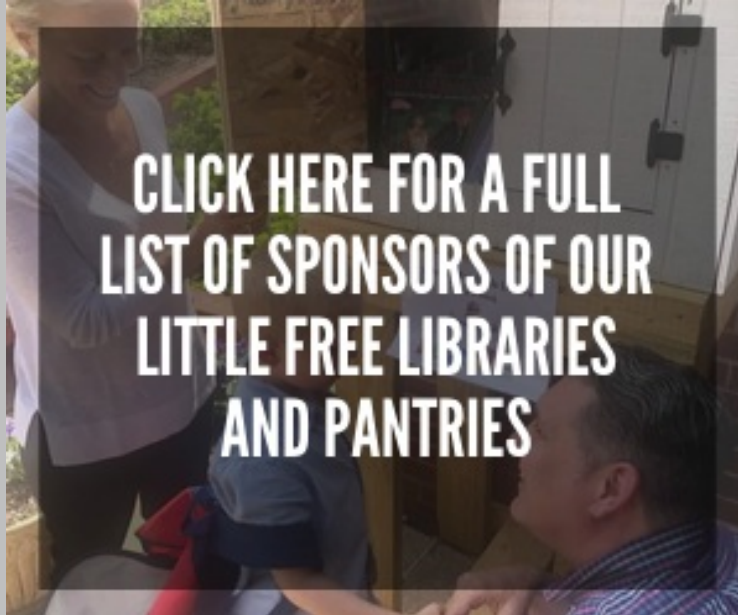
Help build strong, successful readers!
Children who read at least 20 minutes each day are more likely to read at or above grade
level by the end of the third grade!



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Follow our 10,000-Book Drive!
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**Thank you to all of the people and organizations who help keep
our Little Free Libraries and Pantries well stocked!**



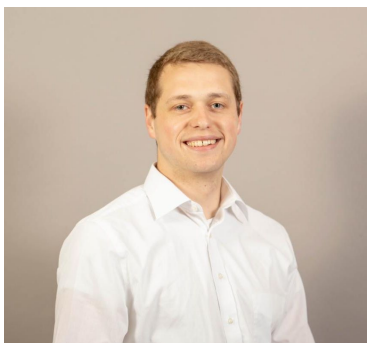
Congrats to Mary Newman-Evans, a PPS Foundation Shero!

Our October PPS Foundation Shero of the Month award goes to Mary Newman-Evans. Mary is an English teacher at Manual Academy and also heads up Manual's CEAT (Community Engagement Action Team). She does an excellent job pulling together all entities to support Manual. Congrats, Mary and thank you for the amazing work that you do!

This award will be given once a month to an unsung hero or shero in our schools. All heroes and sheroes will be recognized at our Appreciation Reception that will be held on May 14, 2020.



Meet our Foundation Board Member, Josh Newell!



The PPS Foundation is excited to introduce Josh Newell, one of our newest members of our Board of Directors.

Josh grew up in Morton, IL and graduated from Eureka College with a double major in Business Administration and Accounting. He has worked at Caterpillar as an accountant for over 3 years and holds the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) professional certification. Outside of work, Josh volunteers with the Heart of Illinois Big Brothers Big Sisters organization, is on the Board of Directors of the Peoria Area Crime Stoppers, and also on the Alumni

Board of Tau Kappa Epsilon Iota Chapter (Eureka College).

The PPS Foundation recently welcomed three new members to our Board of Directors - Josh Newell, Daniel Musisi and Solivian Dismuke. Look for more information on Solivian in next month's

newsletter. More information on Daniel can be found in last month's newsletter.

PPS Foundation's Board of Directors: **Andre Allen, Ruth Bittner, Solivian Dismuke, Maarten de Haas, Scott McCord, Daniel Musisi, Josh Newell, Cheryl Sanfilip, and Cathy Wiggers**

PPS Foundation's Staff: **Cindy Morris** (President), **Jen Adler** (Administrative Director), **Sarah Oakford** (Adopt-A-School Coordinator), **Trish O'Shaughnessy** (Director, Community Engagement & Horizons Program), **Anne Kennedy** (See it. Be it. Coordinator), **Allison Coulter** (Horizons), **Ella Dancey** (Horizons), and **Jen Maushard** (Horizons)

