



2017–2018 *Literacy Alive!* Top Projects

Gold Projects

Nova Southeastern University

Omega Theta Chapter

KDP Omega Theta Literacy Alive! Building Stronger Communities

Nova Southeastern held a multifaceted, year-long literacy project to address the literacy needs of multiple communities across the world. To start, the chapter collaborated with Better World Books to send more than 1,200 books to communities in Ethiopia, Tanzania, Cameroon, and Kenya. Not stopping there, the Omega Theta Chapter planned a day of reading for three third-grade classrooms to encourage the students to view reading as a fun activity. The event was a great success, and the principal and parents requested that it become an annual event! Finally, the chapter included a literacy-based service project aimed at helping the victims of the 2017 hurricanes. Understanding the impact that natural disasters can have on children, the chapter sought to assist by giving students an opportunity to read, use puppetry, act out a story, and set reading goals.

Temple University

Alpha Alpha Nu Chapter

Get (Lit)eracy With Science

The Alpha Alpha Nu Chapter at Temple University partnered with the Free Library of Philadelphia to host a STEAM-focused literacy event for students (pre-K to high school) and their parents. This theme was chosen due to the fact that students in the area do not receive daily science education. As part of the event, KDP members prepared science lessons around popular children's books. Examples included Chemistry in *Harry Potter*, Engineering in *Rosie Revere*, Anatomy in *Frankenstein*, and Architecture in *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*. In addition to these wonderful lessons, each participant was sent home with a bag of free school supplies and a book.

Western Governors University

Alpha Epsilon Sigma Chapter

Digital Literacy

As an online institution, Western Governors University is keenly aware of the importance of technology in education. As such, the Alpha Epsilon Sigma Chapter decided to structure their project around the topic of digital literacy. The chapter began by creating a resource catalog for students and educators. Each entry had a write-up about the resource and how it could be used. The chapter then identified a number of apps for classroom use, as well as videos explaining how to use technology effectively in education. The chapter also identified common classroom technology pitfalls and provided videos on how to avoid these mistakes. Finally, the chapter compiled all their information into an iBook to be

given away for free in the Apple Store. An initial mailing list of 1,300 people received the resource catalog, and the long-term reach of this project will surely expand this number!

University of Rhode Island

Iota Sigma Chapter

Nambale Magnet School

The Iota Sigma Chapter partnered with Cornerstone Project to plan a mission trip to the Nambale Magnet School in western Kenya. The Nambale Magnet School is a residential and educational facility in the Busia District that serves children orphaned by the AIDS epidemic. In the lead-up to the trip, Iota Sigma collected books and donations and even collaborated with the Xi Psi Chapter at Fitchburg State University. Together, both chapters raised \$900.00 and more than 100 age-appropriate textbooks. The chapter members also developed a series of lesson plans in close collaboration with the school's founder, Evalyn Wakhusama. In May, two KDP members travelled to NMS and spent 3 weeks working with the students. These members facilitated more than 30 lessons to students from kindergarten through eighth grade. While the first trip was a huge success, the chapter is already considering how they will expand this relationship in the future!

Mount Saint Mary College

Sigma Tau Chapter

Making the World a Better Place

The Sigma Tau Chapter at Mount Saint Mary College has continued its incredible program with the Newburgh Ministry, while increasing capacity and introducing new projects. As part of their work, Sigma Tau hosts a year-round after-school and summer jumpstart program at the Newburgh Ministry for children ages 4–14. This partnership is a result of years of work and collaboration, yet the chapter still continues to increase its offerings. This year, Sigma Tau also worked with a local elementary school to participate in their Scholastic Book Night event. At the event, KDP members provided supplemental activities around the theme of “Wild-Wild Weather.” These activities combined literacy and science to teach students about different types of weather and other natural science concepts. Not stopping there, Sigma Tau also earned a \$1,000 grant through Project Learning Tree to install a Sensory Garden for the school. This garden allowed students to research plants, write essays and poems, and interact with the natural world in a new way.

Silver Projects

Fitchburg State University

Xi Psi Chapter

Literacy: The Door to Knowledge

Washington University in St. Louis

Beta Upsilon Chapter

Activating a Literacy Community

Marian University, Indianapolis

Alpha Alpha Tau Chapter

Passport to Reading Around the World

West Texas A&M University

Iota Theta Chapter

Celebracion de los Recuerdos

Kean University

Delta Rho Chapter

Level Up! For Literacy

Bronze Projects

Shepherd University

Delta Psi Chapter

Pen Pal Project

Georgia Southern University –Armstrong Campus

Nu Zeta Chapter

*Read to Lead: Celebrating Our Community! Empowering
Readers!*

Xavier University of Louisiana

Alpha Zeta Iota Chapter

Shifting Policies and Paradigms Toward a Brighter Future

St. Joseph's College, Brooklyn Campus

Alpha Epsilon Omega Chapter

The Wonderful World of Books

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Omicron Pi Chapter

Literacy Alive 49ers Read-In

Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Mu Kappa Chapter

Literacy Across the Curriculum

Thank you to all of the 2017–2018 *Literacy Alive!* participating chapters!

3	University of Oklahoma	Gamma Chapter	Homecoming Parade Book Project
16	Eastern Michigan University	Pi Chapter	Literacy Alive Program
21	Marshall University	Phi Chapter	KDP Reads
24	Ohio University	Omega Chapter	The Magic Treehouse Literacy Alive!
56	University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh	Beta Theta Chapter	Little Library Book Exchange Boxes
62	Baylor University	Beta Xi Chapter	Cookies and Cocoa
67	University of Wisconsin-La Crosse	Beta Tau Chapter	Literacy Alive
68	Washington University in St. Louis	Beta Upsilon Chapter	Activating a Literacy Community
78	The College of New Jersey	Gamma Zeta Chapter	Reading Around the World
113	Kean University	Delta Rho Chapter	Level Up! For Literacy.
119	Shepherd University	Delta Psi Chapter	Pen Pal Project
128	Morehead State University	Epsilon Theta Chapter	Adopt a Classroom: Supplying Literacy Needs for a Local School
148	Sul Ross State University	Zeta Delta Chapter	A Book of My Own
153	East Tennessee State University	Zeta Iota Chapter	READING LIVE WITH LITERACY ALIVE!
174	Texas State University	Eta Zeta Chapter	Book Drive for Union Hill Elementary School
189	University of Nebraska at Kearney	Eta Phi Chapter	Literacy Alive 2018
191	Rowan University	Eta Psi Chapter	Literacy Alive
224	West Texas A&M University	Iota Theta Chapter	Celebracion de los Recuerdos
230	Kansas State University	Iota Xi Chapter	Literacy Alive - Ogden
233	University of Wisconsin-Platteville	Iota Rho Chapter	Literacy Alive
234	University of Rhode Island	Iota Sigma Chapter	Nambale Magnet School Mission Trip, 2018
247	St. John's University, Queens	Kappa Eta Chapter	St. John's KDP Book Drive & Read Aloud
257	Northeastern State University	Kappa Rho Chapter	Camp Cappi Wadley
261	West Chester University of Pennsylvania	Kappa Phi Chapter	Literacy Alive!
267	The University of Memphis	Lambda Gamma Chapter	Literacy for the Future: Impacting Lives One Step at a Time
267	The University of Memphis	Lambda Gamma Chapter	2018 Read Across America Dr. Seuss Happy Birthday
270	West Virginia State University	Lambda Zeta Chapter	Literacy Alive at Bridgeview Elementary
272	Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	Lambda Theta Chapter	If You Give A Moose A Muffin
291	Angelo State University	Mu Gamma Chapter	The Secret Garden
298	Southwestern Oklahoma State University	Mu Kappa Chapter	Literacy Across the Curriculum
306	Manhattan College	Mu Sigma Chapter	Literacy Alive
314	Olivet Nazarene University	Nu Beta Chapter	Success by 6 of Kankakee County Calendar Literacy Alive! Event

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415	Salisbury University	Rho Eta Chapter	Pocomoke Day
447	University of Indianapolis	Sigma Omicron Chapter	Literacy Slime Kits
448	University of Holy Cross	Sigma Pi Chapter	Literacy Alive
451	Mount Saint Mary College	Sigma Tau Chapter	Making the World a Better Place
465	Elizabethtown College	Tau Iota Chapter	Literacy ALIVE!
507	The University of Findlay	Phi Gamma Chapter	Funday Sunday
522	University of Portland	Phi Sigma Chapter	Exploring the World through Reading and STEM
530	Chapman University	Chi Beta Chapter	Books Building Bridges
550	Lubbock Christian University	Chi Chi Chapter	Literacy Alive! Reading to First Graders
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627	St. John's University, Staten Island	Alpha Beta Gamma Chapter	Literacy Alive Book Tasting Program
640	Mercyhurst University	Alpha Beta Pi Chapter	Dr. Suess Reading Activity
808	Wittenberg University	Alpha Epsilon Mu Chapter	Earth Day and Dr.Seuss
812	Penn State Altoona	Alpha Epsilon Pi Chapter	Reading Nook, Week of the Young Child.
814	Western Governors University	Alpha Epsilon Sigma Chapter	Digital Literacy
820	St. Joseph's College, Brooklyn Campus	Alpha Epsilon Omega Chapter	The Wonderful World of Books
829	Xavier University of Louisiana	Alpha Zeta Iota Chapter	Shifting Policies and Pradigms Toward a Brighter Future
874	Middlesex County College	ChNone-	2nd Annual Literacy Alive!
890	Drexel University	Alpha Theta Chapter	Literacy Alive
893	Governors State University	Alpha Iota Alpha Chapter	Literacy Project