

## LITERACY

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- Although literacy is concerned with reading, you can also have events dealing with math, essay contests, geography bees, science fairs, etc
- Ferst Foundation or Dolly Parton Imagination Library provides books being sent to homes for children from birth to age 5 years
- Dictionaries given to students
- Reading to students
- Providing workshops for parents/grandparents to teach them skills for helping their family members and learning about resources
- Participating with Rotary Speech contest by proofreading essays, providing resources such as issues of THE ROTARIAN to acquaint students with Rotary and listening to speeches
- Placing books in library/schools in honor of guest speaker at club
- Proving the Rotary 4-Way Test Coloring Book to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders
- Serving as mentor to clients at Adult Education Centers
- Providing scholarships for GED Tests
- Creating a library at prison with materials on GED/SAT preparation, being a good parent, managing money, going for job interviews, various literatures, dressing for success, crossword puzzles/games, good manners, work ethics, etc.
- Creating a library at Adult Education Center
- Proving a summer reading program at a school/public library with awards for reading X number of books
- Adding materials at public library that will assist Adult Literacy
- Providing school supplies
- Providing books for a group of children and do so in such a way that the children can pick out a book of interest
- Placing a bookmark in dictionaries/other books with 4-Way Test on one side and information about your club on the other side
- Select a child in foster care and provide literacy materials/serve as a mentor
- Give children in foster care a canvas bag with various books and supplies
- Create a special section in school libraries with books/computer games dealing with bullying
- Providing scholarships for RYLA
- Present scholarship to a graduating senior
- Sponsor a student/teacher of month as a way to recognize excellence in literacy
- Sponsor the Star Student/Star Teacher Program

- Create an appropriate library for drug/family violence centers
- Involve Interact/other youth in literacy projects
- Provide materials for after school programs
- Sponsor an after school program for those students needing extra assistance
- Raise the image of Rotary through such activities as giving out spelling words for school spelling bees and reading to students
- Have mock job interviews for high school students
- Participate in a school career day by speaking to students about your profession
- Allow a student(s) to shadow you for a day
- Invite Interact students for club meetings – especially when your program would be of some interest to them
- Providing a subscription of THE ROTARIAN or giving old copies to schools

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