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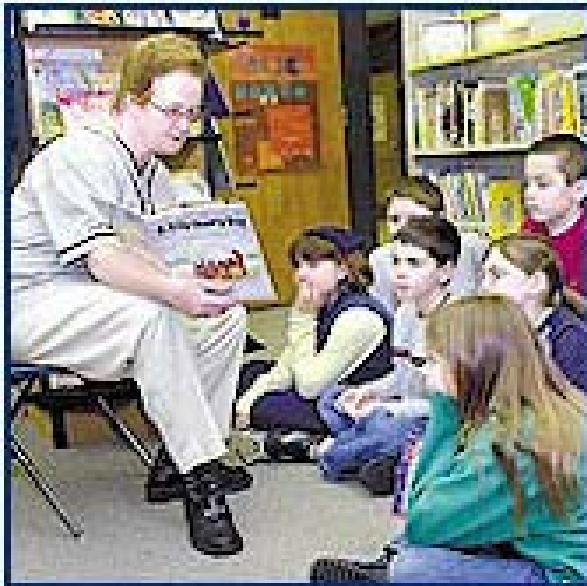


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Verizon TelecomPioneers Collect 57,505 Books!

We're proud to announce the results of the 2002 Season's Readings Book Collection Campaign! In partnership with the Verizon Reads initiative, the Verizon TelecomPioneers collected 57,505 new and gently used books from 120 work locations, which have been donated to 177 educational non-profit organizations from the Boston Public Schools to the Hawaii Family Support Center. Many thanks to Janet Pearson and the 125 local coordinators for managing this campaign on behalf of the Verizon Pioneers. This campaign garnered almost twice as many books as last year (the first year of the project), when we collected 30,642 books. Please visit the Verizon TelecomPioneers Website at www.verizonpioneers.org to access collections and donations lists of books by chapter.



Ann Cove Reads to Students at Richer Elem.

Framingham Council of WJ Denver Chapter Donates Books to Richer Elementary

The 440 students at Richer Elementary School in Marlborough were pleasantly surprised when more than 500 books arrived, donated by the Framingham Council of the William J. Denver Council in Central Massachusetts. Marlborough Mayor William

J. Mauro Jr. and Marlborough Superintendent Rose Marie Boniface were at the school Feb. 7 when volunteers from the Framingham Council presented the books to Principal Frank Hess and Librarian Shirley Cox.

"I think it's going to provide a good opportunity for kids to always have a book in their hands. More books were donated than the school has kids," Hess said.

Verizon employees donated the new or gently used books during the company's second annual holiday Season's Reading book drive. Some also donated money to purchase new books for \$1 per book from Scholastic, Inc., a national children's book publisher and distributor. For details, visit: <http://www.wjdenverpioneers.org>.

Mark Your Calendars!

May 16-17

Verizon/Telcordia/Frontier
Annual Training Conf. in Valley Forge

August 8-9

TelecomPioneers Annual Meeting
In Halifax, Nova Scotia
(open to all Pioneers and families)



Alexander Graham Bell Chapter Sponsors TelecomPioneers Read Day

The past several years, the AGB Chapter has hosted a day to read to third-grade classes in its local schools. On March 18, Pioneers read to third graders at 21 schools in Washington, DC, Maryland (Prince George and Montgomery Counties) and Northern Virginia (Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax). They left more than 2,100 books for personal student reading and teacher resources. For more information, contact June Weakley, president of AGB Chapter, at JUNEWEA@aol.com or visit <http://www.verizonagb15pioneers.org>.

Verizon TelecomPioneers Help Over 100 Adopt-A-Schools

The Verizon TelecomPioneers have a rich history of providing a wide variety of support to local schools. This month, we asked the chapters to provide us with a list of schools they supported. We also asked what type of support they gave the schools. The response was overwhelming. Please visit our website to access the survey results.

Our multi-talented TelecomPioneers customize their educational support programs to the needs of the local schools. Each school program is different. Pioneer support includes:

- delivering books through the Verizon Reads program,
- exchanging e-mails through Pen Pal programs,
- delivering "A Book About Me" books,
- teaching Junior Achievement classes,
- leading 911 puppeteer shows,
- distributing backpacks,
- painting playground maps,
- supporting award programs,
- assisting with science fairs, book fairs, and field trips,
- supplying coats for needy children,
- helping with after school programs,
- erecting playgrounds,
- planting shrubs and trees, and
- replenishing school supply pantries.



The New Hampshire Council has partnered with the Beech Street Elementary School, located in the inner city of Manchester, New Hampshire. The Council encourages children to have perfect attendance with monthly awards. Life Members regularly read to classes. The Council is planning a "Day at the Beech" (no pun intended). They will read to the first and second graders, as well as help children draw pictures about the stories they have read. For the older children, they host a monthly career information program. They have also implemented a very successful Pen Pal e-mail program. Visit www.jaspemkeller.org.



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