



Girl Scout and books4kids2keep Participation Patch Community Service Project

As a Girl Scout you have the opportunity to provide books to poverty stricken inner city children in Columbus, OH. The poverty rate in the Columbus school system is an astonishing 77%, with only 43% of students passing both math and reading standardized tests. More than 40% of Columbus's children are reading below their grade level.

Through books4kids2keep Girl Scouts can help these children enjoy future academic and life success!

If you complete 3 out of the 10 activities listed below, you can earn a participation patch!

Activities:

- 1.** Host a book club meeting with at least 2 other people who've read the same book. Discuss likes, dislikes, surprises, favorite characters, etc.
- 2.** Read a book and write a short report on the book. Share the report with your troop or family.

- 3.** Hold a **Do It Yourself (DIY)** Book Drive with your troop or family. Gather gently used or new books to donate to [books4kids2keep](http://books4kids2keep.org). Separate the books into the appropriate age level boxes labeled elementary school, middle school, and high school. Contact [books4kids2keep](http://books4kids2keep.org) to be assigned an inner city school.
- 4.** Participate in a book sorting with [books4kids2keep](http://books4kids2keep.org) or your local library. Girl Scouts are needed at the Girl Scout Book Drive on May 1st, 2010 at Jones Middle School in Upper Arlington from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- 5.** Volunteer 5 hours at your local library.
- 6.** Create a survey with your troop or friends. Discover their top 10 favorite books. Make a list and hold an election to discover the favorite book of all time! Go to www.books4kids2keep.org “contact us” page and send the list.
- 7.** Go to the www.books4kids2keep.org website and complete 2 of the puzzles on the kids’ page.
- 8.** Participate in the Girl Scout Book Drive being held May 1st, 2010 at Jones Middle School in Upper Arlington. Books can be dropped off from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. OR do activity #3 (listed above) to hold a **Do It Yourself (DIY)** Book Drive.
- 9.** Volunteer to read a book to a younger troop or family member.
- 10.** Write and illustrate a book and share it with your troop or family. (Minimum of 10 pages)

*Patches will be available at the Girl Scout Council Store

Check for additional volunteer opportunities at
www.books4kids2keep.org

For more information about hosting a book drive or volunteer opportunities call Chris Zeek at 614-306-6669 or email Chris.Zeek@books4kids2keep.org.