

Our mission is to empower children and youth as valued family and community members through intergenerational shared-reading experiences.

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Volunteer Recruitment



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Reading Legacies continues to collaborate with institutions of higher education to help us fulfill our vision of utilizing shared-reading experiences to empower children and youth with improved reading skills and increased self-esteem while making valuable connections with their families and communities.

Students majoring in Criminal Justice, Psychology, Education and Child Development partner with Reading Legacies' Family Connections Program to gain first-hand experience of the criminal justice system in order to expand their extracurricular activities in their field of study.

Reading Legacies is proud to partner with the following universities:

- San Diego State University
- Alliant International University
- University of San Diego
- Grand Canyon University
- Pt. Loma Nazarene University

Family Connections

...creating connections for children and their incarcerated family members through the shared-reading experience by reading a book on DVD and sending the book and DVD home to the family.

Reading Legacies welcomes our newest Volunteers, Julie Beaty and Nicole Potter.

Julie recently moved to the San Diego area from Washington, DC, after 15 years of working on Capitol Hill, and in Government Affairs. While in college, she participated in a month-long externship studying the criminal justice system, and later went on to graduate from law school. Our Founder & President, Betty Mohlenbrock, is one of the first people Julie met when moving to the area, and Julie was excited to learn about the volunteer opportunities that Reading Legacies had to offer because she was looking for a way to give back to her new community. Julie will be stepping in to help with social media strategy and administration, and will also participate as a regular volunteer for Family Connections workshops.



Julie Beaty



Nicole Potter

Nicole's service with Americorps has motivated her to continue her pursuits of serving youth to build their confidence and chances of success in life. She has spent time in South Africa and Mexico, where she worked closely with underserved children to help build their confidence with life skills, literacy skills, and English speaking skills. She believes that every child deserves to have loving guidance, proper education, and the chance to enhance their opportunities in life. Her volunteer work with international youth has shown her how one person can truly impact another's life. She is excited to join Reading Legacies' Family Connections Volunteers to support our mission. Her role will be facilitating workshops inside the correctional facilities to empower parents with information about the benefits of literacy in their children's lives.

Community Connections

...creating connections for young children and local teens through reading aloud together.

Reading Legacies welcomes our newest Co-Community Coordinator for the Community Connections Program at Escondido High School. Marianne also serves as a Trustee on the Reading Legacies Board.

Marianne graduated from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in 1987 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics, supported by a Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (Marine Corps option) scholarship. Upon graduation, she was commissioned as a Marine Corps second lieutenant. In 1989, she became qualified as a signals intelligence officer and received assignments worldwide. Throughout her career, she led hundreds of Marines in a variety of environments; however, the most challenging were those leadership assignments while deployed in support of four combat operations in Saudi Arabia, Africa, and Iraq. Marianne's military career spanned over 24 years, serving from 1987-2011, when she retired in San Diego, California.

Marianne then attended the University of San Diego and earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Leadership Studies in May, 2016. She now seeks to be of service to youth and young adults, promoting their development as emerging and effective leaders.

We are honored to have such an outstanding role model for the children and youth of Escondido, providing leadership and pride in community service.



Colonel Marianne S. Waldrop,
USMC (Ret.), Ph.D.

New Volunteer and Refresher Training

New volunteer and refresher training will be at 1PM on September 9th at the Mission Valley Library located at 2123 Fenton Pkwy, San Diego, CA 92108.

Please RSVP by calling 619-269-2743 or emailing at layne@readinglegacies.org if you plan to attend.



Want to Learn More About Reading Legacies and How You Can Help Us Accomplish Our Mission?



Reading Legacies will host monthly orientations at our Liberty Station location: Barracks 15 located at 2750 Historic Decatur Rd., Suite 210, San Diego, CA 92106. If you or anyone you know would like to learn more about what we do and how you can become part of our volunteer team, please contact us.

Our next monthly orientation session will be held on September 14th from 5:00-6:00 PM. Please RSVP to info@readinglegacies.org or by calling us at 619-269-2743 if you plan to attend.

Please visit our website at www.readinglegacies.org

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