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Hello OLC Members,

Please read on for important information and updates!

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Book Leveling Party: Munck Elementary**
Wednesday, February 26
Munck Elementary
8:30 – 11:30 am
1900 Campus Drive, Oakland

This Book Leveling Party is fast approaching and we need community support to make the event a success! Please see the attached flyer for distributing to colleagues and friends.

At this Book Leveling Party, volunteers will spend a fun morning supporting Oakland students and teachers by leveling classroom books at Munck Elementary. Volunteers will use a website to look up and label books by their reading levels. Classroom libraries that are well-stocked with leveled books provide students with access to reading materials that are "just-right" for their abilities and help develop both their literacy skills and a love of reading.

Training and breakfast will be provided. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. As we'll be looking up reading levels online, basic internet search skills are helpful.

To sign up, please RSVP to Christina at christina@oaklandliteracycoalition.org.

**Read Across America Day**
Read Across America Day is a celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday and a great opportunity to share with students your love of reading! Volunteers will get to read any fun book to an Oakland elementary school classroom. We have opportunities at REACH Academy, Brookfield, Emerson, Parker, and Rise/New Highland at various times throughout the whole day. Each volunteer will leave behind 2-3 books for the class, courtesy of the OLC! Other opportunities are open for those who would prefer to volunteer as photographers or greeters who will help volunteers sign in and find their classrooms.

If you are interested in volunteering as a reader or school helper, please contact Christina Hawkins Johnson at christina@oaklandliteracycoalition.org. (Please indicate where you would like to volunteer, if you have a preference.)

## Free Books!

**First Book Marketplace**
On Saturday, March 1, 40,000 books are coming to San Francisco! Don't miss out on your chance to pick up free books for the children you serve.

This opportunity is open to First Book members-- it is free to sign up with First Book if you are a nonprofit working with children. Members will be able to come to Sports Basement Saturday, March 1 only to choose great books for your students. There will be books for all kids, from birth to age 18.

Date: Saturday, March 1
Time: 9am - until books last
Location: Sports Basement
1590 Bryant Street
San Francisco, CA 94110

Important details:

- Books are available on a first come, first serve basis, so arrive early!
- Each person will be able to select 100 books to take home (as books last).
- Please bring your own boxes, baskets or bags for your books.
- Everyone receiving books must be signed up with First Book.

Sports Basement will also provide all Book Truck participants with 10% off of in-store purchases on March 1, in addition to donating 10% of all sales that day to First Book San Francisco.

**East Bay Children's Book Project**
Dr. Suess' birthday and Read Across America Day are almost here! East Bay Children's Book Project has been saving books all year and are ready to give them to you. On Tuesday and Thursday, February 25th & 27th, you may choose 5 Dr. Seuss books in addition to your other books. More great news. If they arrive in time from Pennsylvania, we will also give you a hot-off-the-press Dr. Seuss biography written by our friend, Bruce Larkin. Please visit this website for more information.

**Parent Education- Pre-K School Readiness Program**
Lighthouse Community Charter School is enrolling participants for the spring session of their Pre-K School Readiness Program, beginning April 11. This program is open to parents/caregivers and children 2-5 who have not had preschool or prior early childhood education. Participants must attend the full 8-week session. Topics include literacy development, health & nutrition, and other topics to ensure that children are ready for Kindergarten!

Please see the attached flyers in English and Spanish for more information and for distribution to your clients.

Thanks for reading!
-The OLC Team

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