

ABC Altrusa Book Boxes

The First International Service Project

What are the benefits in participating in this project?

- **Collect and Distribute BOOKS in your community**
- **Raise the profile of Altrusa in your community**
- **Recruit new members**

Many clubs already have book collection boxes of some kind. Others have constructed the ABC book boxes and placed those in their communities. All have reported many successes.

Whatever the book box you use, make it look professional while highlighting Altrusa's name.

Don't miss out on a great opportunity to heighten Altrusa's presence in *your* community, have a worthwhile service project and increase your membership.

Let us know of your successes. Share!!

'Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers'

Charles W. Eliot

EVALUATION OF **ABC** ALTRUSA BOOK BOX PROJECT

- Has your club built a box or boxes?
- Do you need help with building a box or boxes?
- Do you need help labeling your boxes?
- Have you involved the media in your project?
- Where have you placed your boxes?
- How have you distributed *your* books?
- Is the location (or locations) still appropriate?
- Have you evaluated the need for more boxes?
- Does your club have a special 'ABC Book Box Committee'?
- Do you have in place procedures for handling the books collected in your boxes?
- Who picks up the books? When?
- Do you have a storage area?
- How is the sorting and labeling of books handled? Do you have a bookplate placed in the book identifying your club?
- Do you have a recycling process for books?

DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKS

- Books donated could be resold to second hand bookstores to provide funding for existing Literacy Projects.
- Books can be repaired and redistributed to needy children, schools, Adult Reading Programs, shared with Meals on Wheels for distribution, etc.
- Books can be collected and accumulated for a Book Fair/Sale
- Have you involved other groups in sorting, storage and/or distribution?
Example: Schools, YMCA, YWCA, Boys & Girls Clubs, Scouts, Assisted Living facilities. Scheduled 'Special Events' to sell or give away books.

If any of the above answers need to be referred to the Altrusa International Service Committee, please contact them by post or e-mail.

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