

Mid-Atlantic Share Literacy Chapter

The Mid-Atlantic Share Literacy Chapter operates Share Literacy Programs in the Washington DC area. The office is located at 7319 Willow Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912. It is open from M W F 9-12 a.m., T,TH 6-9:30 p.m. and Sat 9-11 a.m. Telephone number : 301-346-8329.

Mid-Atlantic Share Literacy Volunteers

Bruce Appelgren, West Virginia Volunteer

Bruce Appelgren has been an ISHK volunteer for more than 20 years. He has been working with publications since 1971, publishing magazines, newsletters, journals, and books. He currently serves as Director of Publications for the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in Washington, DC. Bruce is also former President of Shepherdstown Music and Dance.

Mel Raff, Maryland Volunteer

Mel Raff has worked as an auto mechanic, college professor, computer programmer, and software entrepreneur. He holds BA and PhD degrees from the University of Maryland at College Park, and an MA degree from the Johns Hopkins University.

Dan Sperling, Virginia Volunteer

McLean, Va., resident Dan Sperling has worked as a volunteer on various ISHK-related projects for more than 20 years and has been a Share Literacy volunteer since 2000. A former newspaper reporter and editor and the author of three published books, he serves as editorial and public relations consultant to a wide range of businesses and organizations.

Steve Whitney, District of Columbia Volunteer

Steve Whitney is an information technology consultant. In addition to his volunteer work with Share Literacy, he is on the board of the Society for Technical Communication Washington DC Chapter and an active member of the Calvin Coolidge Alumni Association, which assists needy school children in Washington DC. Steve holds a BS degree in Computer Studies, and an MA in History of Art.

MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER PARTNER PROGRAMS

RESA VIII Head Start and Pre-K programs in Martinsburg, West Virginia, which serves 450 disadvantaged children in the three counties of the Eastern Panhandle.

SLAM DUNK FOR DC The Share Literacy chapter partnered with the Slam Dunk for DC summer youth camp in Washington, DC, during the two-week period July 9 through July 16. Share Literacy provided volunteers daily at the camp, to orient and inform the camp staff members in current best practices to guide the children (ages 9 to 13) in literacy/thinking skill/emotional intelligence activities which also

included vocabulary enrichment ,reading aloud in front of a camera with clear diction and enunciation, visual imagination, and drawing skills.

Share Literacy volunteers arranged and assisted in the delivery of two visual arts awareness and literacy field trips for inner-city youth (ages 9 to 13). The first took place at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden and the Freer Art Gallery and was aimed at improved comprehension and increased curiosity about the Hoopoe Books Teaching-Story™ *The Magic Horse*. A Hirshhorn Museum educator read and held an interactive discussion about the story with the children and then the children visited the Freer Gallery to view and sketch motifs in ancient Middle Eastern Art that relate to themes in the story. The children had to be pulled away from the activity at the end – they wanted to complete the assignments!

The second field trip was at the National Gallery of Art where a staff educator held an interactive visit featuring pictures in the collection which tell stories. The discussion activities dealt with the principles of multilayered themes that are similar in nature to those in Hoopoe Teaching-Stories which the children (ages 9 to 13) were reading at camp.

Share Literacy arranged and assisted in the delivery of an activity with a combined literacy-sports orientation to reinforce the importance of reading skills for a group of inner-city children. The visit to the Verizon Center raised awareness of the critical role of life skills and reading abilities for professional basketball players and for prospective employees in a range of sports career paths at the VerizonCenter and elsewhere. The Washington Wizards team gave each child a book of stories based on African American experiences which the basketball players recommended for reading.

CHRISTMAS SEASON PARTY

Share Literacy volunteers assisted in arrangements for a ChristmasSeason Party for incarcerated mothers at the Correctional Treatment Facility, a branch of the Washington, DC, jail for non-violent offenders. The party program included discussions with the mothers about the importance of reading in the futures of their children, and the mothers received two Hoopoe books for each of their children together with printed information about literacy that includes easy-to-read text and graphics which communicate the benefits and pleasures of reading. The event was in partnership with two Washington, DC, community service organizations, Ocean Ana Rising and Movement for Harmony and Love.

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