



Junior League of Washington (JLW)

Executive Summary

The Junior League of Washington marked its Centennial Celebration with their Resolution Read project to distribute 100,000 books to students in need in Washington, D.C. RIF was a partner in this initiative, working with the League to distribute more than 30,000 of the books. JLW women served at 3 literacy celebrations throughout the year, staffing the book distributions, reading with the kids, and sharing their love of reading.

Key Issue(s)

In 2015, 72% of 4th grade students in Washington, D.C. did not read proficiently (NAEP, <https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/subject/publications/stt2015/pdf/2016008DC4.pdf>)

Local Impact

In 2012, the JLW and RIF partnered together in support of their Resolution Read initiative which aimed to distribute 100,000 books to children in need across Washington, D.C. Together, RIF and the JLW supported 6,510 DC children, across 21 elementary schools within the high-need Wards of 1, 5, 7, and 8, providing 5 books per child across 3 book distribution events throughout the school year, along with literacy resources. Each school also received one of RIF's STEAM-themed multicultural book collections. A spotlight school was featured for each of the 3 distribution dates with a very special guest author or illustrator. These presentations featured author talks about the writing process and live drawing demonstrations which were inspiring for the kids. JLW volunteers staffed the distributions across all 21 schools and were involved in every aspect from sorting books, event set-up, placing bookplates in books, helping children to select their books, and reading aloud with them. For the final book distribution event, students went home with summer reading fun kits, including string totes and activity sheets along with their books to keep them reading through the summer months.