



# November Newsletter

Changing Lives, One Day, One Goal,  
One Person at a Time



## Supporting Family Literacy: Tips for Fostering a Love of Reading at Home

**Make Reading a Daily Habit:** Set aside time every day to read as a family. Whether it's before bedtime or after dinner, creating a routine helps children associate reading with comfort and enjoyment.

**Create a Reading-Friendly Environment:** Ensure there are plenty of books and reading materials in your home. A cozy, designated reading area can make reading time feel more special and engaging.

**Lead by Example:** Show your kids that you value reading by doing it yourself. Whether it's a novel, magazine, or newspaper, your enthusiasm for reading can influence their attitude towards literacy.

**Celebrate Progress:** Acknowledge milestones like finishing a book or mastering new words. Positive reinforcement can motivate children to keep reading and improving their literacy skills.

**Let Children Choose Books:** Give kids the freedom to pick books they're excited about. Allowing them to follow their interests helps build a love for reading and keeps them engaged.

**Use Technology:** Leverage educational apps, audiobooks, or e-readers if that sparks interest. Digital literacy is just as important as traditional reading skills, and it can add some fun to family reading time.

**Incorporate Literacy into Daily Activities:** Use everyday moments to boost literacy. Read recipes while cooking, go over shopping lists together, or point out signs and words while running errands.

**Discuss What You Read:** After reading, talk about the story. Ask open-ended questions like "What do you think will happen next?" or "Why do you think the character did that?" This promotes critical thinking and comprehension.

# 30 Day Family Reading Challenge

Start a Family Reading Night. Choose a favorite book and read aloud together as a family.

Visit your local library and let your child pick out a book they are excited to read.

Read a picture book before bedtime.

Choose a book with animals and make animal sounds while you read!

Find a book with an autumn theme and talk about the changing seasons.

Take turns reading out loud from your favorite story.

Read a book about kindness and discuss ways to show kindness in daily life.

Make reading cozy! Build a fort with blankets and pillows and read inside.

Read a rhyming book and have fun saying the rhymes together.

Read a nonfiction book about a topic your child is curious about (dinosaurs, space, animals, etc.).

Write a thank-you letter as a family to a favorite book author or character.

Have your child read a story to a stuffed animal or pet.

Read a book based on your child's favorite movie or TV show.

Listen to an audiobook during a car ride or family downtime.

Read a book set in another country and learn a fun fact about that place.

Choose a book about family traditions or celebrations.

Read a story with your child and let them guess what happens next.

Create a "reading nook" where your child can go to read quietly.

Pick a wordless picture book and create your own story from the illustrations.

Read a book of poems together and try to create your own family poem.

Explore books about Thanksgiving and talk about what your family is thankful for.

Host a "Reading Picnic" inside or outside and enjoy snacks while reading.

Read a book where the main character is a hero or solves a problem.

Let your child be the "librarian" and organize or "check out" books to family members.

Try reading in silly voices or acting out a story together.

Start reading a longer chapter book or series that you can enjoy over the holiday season.

Have your child draw a picture of their favorite scene from a book.

Pick a book with winter themes and talk about the upcoming winter season.

Read to someone over video chat, like a grandparent or friend.

Celebrate the end of the challenge by reading a new book you haven't read before!

# I'M STILL A MAN

## LIVE FORUM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST  
7:00 PM



**HOSTED BY**  
HON. TERRY L. CLARK  
70TH DISTRICT COURT JUDGE



**PETE MORA**  
US Army Veteran  
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**Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024**

**9:00AM - 12:00PM**

**Kempton Elementary**

**3040 Davenport Ave.**

**Saginaw, MI 48602**



# **Warm A Child for Winter** **Drive-Thru Coat Giveaway**

**Hats,  
Gloves &  
More!**

This is a drive-thru pick up (only) event. The registration form must be provided the day of the event and the child must be present (in vehicle) to receive a coat.

For more information, contact  
Women of Colors at  
**989-270-1682** or [ewmtoday@aol.com](mailto:ewmtoday@aol.com)







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# Warm A Child for Winter Drive-Thru Coat Giveaway



Parent/Guardian Name

Telephone Number

Child's Name

Age

M/F

Coat Size

Child's Name

Age

M/F

Coat Size

Child's Name

Age

M/F

Coat Size

Name of Referring Business or Organization

Business or Organization Contact Name

Organization Contact Name

Organization Contact Phone Number

Date

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Keep This Portion

# Member Spotlight

November is here, bringing with it the warmth of family gatherings, gratitude, and a perfect time to enjoy reading together. As we celebrate National Family Literacy Month, we invite you to join our month-long Family Reading Challenge! This challenge is designed to make reading fun and engaging for all ages, fostering a love for literacy that can be enjoyed by parents and children alike. This month, we're especially grateful for our community's shared commitment to learning and growth. Happy reading, happy Thanksgiving, and may this be the start of a wonderful holiday season for you and yours.



**Evelyn McGovern**  
Cofounder/President



Is your loved one leading a destructive life?  
That doesn't mean your life has to be  
destroyed as well.

Stronger Together is here to help you cope.  
Join us at WOC for an addiction support group  
for family and friends of people struggling with  
addiction.

1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. 6:30 - 8 PM  
3057 Davenport, Saginaw, MI 48602

## President's Corner

As we step into November, I want to acknowledge and celebrate the values that make our community strong—our dedication to learning, support for one another, and shared commitment to growth. This month, we proudly observe National Family Literacy Month, encouraging literacy within our homes and strengthening the bonds that come from shared learning. We're also excited to kick off our Annual Warm A Child for Winter Coat Drive on Saturday, November 16th. This event brings us together to provide warmth to children in need, ensuring they have a cozy winter season ahead. As Thanksgiving approaches, I am grateful for each of you who help us create lasting positive impacts. May this November bring you joy, love, and connection with those you cherish.

