

## Background

Native Youth Community Projects (NYCP) Literacy for All is a grant funded by the Department of Education and awarded to Salt River Schools. It is a 4-year grant beginning 10/01/2018 through 09/30/2022.

The program builds on existing evidence-based curricula & career programs, and capitalizes on partnerships within the Community and surrounding areas. Our team will be sponsoring and attending several events in the Community.

## Goals

Goal 1: Improve pathways to college and career readiness, and emphasizing jobs within the Community.

Goal 2: Instill a habit of reading from birth to adulthood through book distribution and literacy training.

Goal 3: Strengthen cultural connections by creation, narration, and distribution of culturally relevant books.

Goal 4: Produce literacy communication messages aimed to employ Native Youth to develop workforce skills.

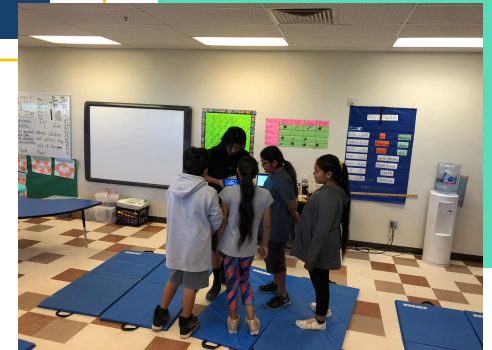
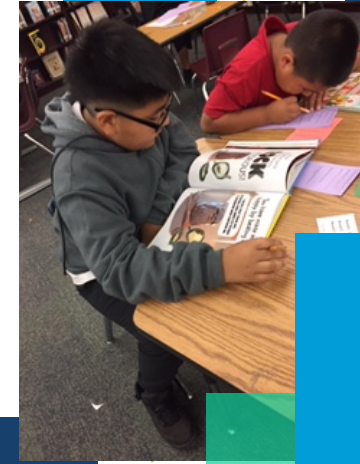


## Tips for Creating a Love for Literacy

- ♥ Point to pictures in the book and say what they are.
- ♥ Read a book everyday for at least 15-20 minutes.
- ♥ Keep a daily journal, sketchbook, or notebook.
- ♥ Children enjoy all kinds of books (maps, cookbooks, menus, magazines, etc).
- ♥ Talk about words that end with the same sound, like “hat,” “bat,” and “cat.”
- ♥ Play word games with your child, such as writing a tongue twister or making up rhymes and riddles.



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## Expected Outcomes

1. An increase in the number of college applications and/or scholarship applications completed by SRP-MIC students.
2. An increase in the percentage of Pre K-12<sup>th</sup> grade students who meet or exceed NWEA proficiency standards.
3. Increased access to local, culturally relevant books throughout the Community. Provide books for students at home and school.
4. Increased awareness and appreciation of literacy as a cornerstone of autonomy, self-determination, and school success.

## Book Distribution and Literacy Training

In efforts to help families grow their home libraries and develop a daily habit of reading with their children, FREE books will be distributed at various Community events.

ECEC families will have the opportunity to receive family literacy training through *Raising a Reader* program, provided by Southwest Human Development (SWHD).

## Digital Library

In partnership with the Tribal Library, Community members will have the opportunity to create locally relevant books. Books will be published and available via the digital library, as well as printed copies.



## Community Literacy Champions

The Community Literacy Champions program is an employment opportunity for Native American high school students to gain workforce skills.

Champions will assist in creating and implementing a literacy & media campaign. Activities include videos, print material, as well as working with the Community and school personnel.

## Service Learning

The goal of the service learning program is to connect students with their Community through meaningful service projects.

Service learning piloted this summer at Salt River High School. Students were able to achieve a lot in a short amount of time and have fun.