

2009

Children's Book Drive LITERACY QUOTES

Use these quotes in your communications materials with your employees. Use them in a poster, or in a letter or email you send out encouraging people to participate.

If you want to work on the core problem, it's early school literacy.

—James Barksdale, Former CEO of Netscape

Literacy is not a luxury, it is a right and a responsibility. If our world is to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century we must harness the energy and creativity of all our citizens.

—President Clinton

Literacy arouses hopes, not only in society as a whole but also in the individual who is striving for fulfillment, happiness and personal benefit by learning how to read and write. Literacy... means far more than learning how to read and write...The aim is to transmit... knowledge and promote social participation.

—UNESCO Institute for Education, Hamburg, Germany

You're the same today as you'll be in five years except for the people you meet and the books you read.

—Charlie "Tremendous" Jones

No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading, or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance.

—Confucius

The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.

—Dr. Seuss

Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.

—Emilie Buchwald

The nonreading children are the greatest problem in American education.

—Glenn Doman "How to Teach Your Baby to Read"

Some people will lie, cheat, steal and back-stab to get ahead... and to think, all they have to do is READ.

—Fortune

Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.

—Margaret Fuller

A book is the most effective weapon against intolerance and ignorance.

—Lyndon Baines Johnson

Through literacy you can begin to see the universe. Through music you can reach anybody. Between the two there is you, unstoppable.

—Grace Slick

Reading is a basic tool in the living of a good life.

—Joseph Addison

When you sell a man a book you don't sell him just 12 ounces of paper and ink and glue - you sell him a whole new life.

—Christopher Morley

I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book.

—Groucho Marx

The things I want to know are in books; my best friend is the man who'll get me a book I ain't read.

—Abraham Lincoln

There is no substitute for books in the life of a child.

—Mary Ellen Chase

Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him.

—Maya Angelou

It is not true we have only one life to live, if we can read, we can live as many lives and as many kinds of lives as we wish.

—S.I. Hayakawa

When I look back, I am so impressed again with the life-giving power of literature. If I were a young person today, trying to gain a sense of myself in the world, I would do that again by reading, just as I did when I was young.

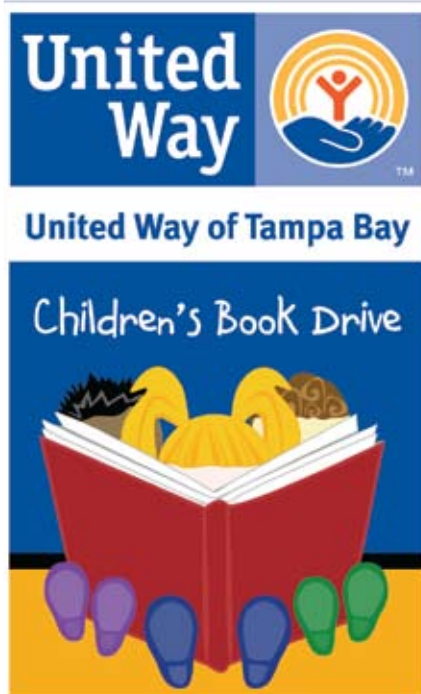
—Maya Angelou

There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island.

—Walt Disney

Reading takes us away from home, but more important, it finds homes for us everywhere.

—Hazel Rochman



I have never known any distress that an hour's reading did not relieve.

—Montesquieu

You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them.

—Ray Bradbury

A house without books is like a room without windows. No man has a right to bring up children without surrounding them with books.... Children learn to read being in the presence of books.

—Horace Mann

A library book...is not, then, an article of mere consumption but fairly of capital, and often in the case of professional men, setting out in life, is their only capital.

—Thomas Jefferson

Frederick Douglass taught that literacy is the path from slavery to freedom. There are many kinds of slavery and many kinds of freedom. But reading is still the path.

—Carl Sagan

Two trucks loaded with a thousand copies of Roget's Thesaurus collided as they left a New York publishing house last week, according to the Associated Press. Witnesses were stunned, startled, aghast, taken aback, stupefied, appalled, surprised, shocked and rattled.

—Alan Schlein

A book is a garden carried in the pocket.

—Chinese proverb

No player in the NBA was born wanting to play basketball. The desire to play ball or to read must be planted. The last 25 years of research show that reading aloud to a child is the oldest, cheapest and most successful method of instilling that desire. Shooting baskets with a child creates a basketball player; reading to a child creates a reader.

—Jim Trelease