

COPS 'N KIDS READING CENTER, INC.

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What we do here at the Cops 'N Kids Reading Center - In addition to encouraging a love for Reading and teaching Reading and writing skills, we have a Computer Lab & Chrome Books that the teachers incorporate into the curriculum, we occasionally have Art teachers/volunteers from the Racine Art Guild that also share their talents with the children and we have a piano (on site) and about once a month we have a volunteer come in to play/educate the children in the art of Music.

The kids are also fed a snack every day after school as most of them are famished by the time they arrive at the Center. The teachers prepare healthy snacks and teach the children about making healthy choices. Our summer program, titled, "How Does Your Garden Grow" actually revolves around our 2 Community Gardens we have. The kids plant the seeds, water and tend the garden daily, harvest the fruits of their labor, prepare those foods to eat as their snack for the day, read and write stories about freshly grown foods and learn as much as possible about the foods they grow/eat and the choices they make. The children are encouraged to try different foods and in different ways.

Our staff is composed of retired and current teachers and volunteer one-on-one tutors. We incorporate volunteers from the community as we see fit. Our Founder/Executive Director, Julia M. Witherspoon does outreach in the community by going into the schools speaking and reading to the children. She is a motivational speaker to teachers and staff at the schools, local businesses and organizations, churches and anyone who makes a request to hear her speak.

So, as you can see we are more than a Reading Center, but, that is our main focus.

Thank you so much for your interest in our organization.

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"If you see a child without a book, PLEASE, give him one of yours!"