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- **United Way focuses on “Helping Children and Youth Achieve Their Potential”.**

In the fall of 2008, the north Rock County libraries partnered with United Way of North Rock County to bring a “Live United” message to area children, promoting community service. Live United means that all of us, no matter the age, can do our part to reach out, all working together to make our world better.

Mayor Decker reading to the students



EAGER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY - Evansville

In Evansville, library programs were held on two different Wednesdays with half of the second graders from Levi Leonard Elementary School attending on each date.

At the first program, the local celebrity readers were Mayor Sandy Decker and Police Officer Patrick Reese.

At the second program, Emergency Medical Technicians’ Mary and Zach Beaver and Judge Tom Alisankus read to the children.

At the end of both programs, children decorated cards to be given to local nursing home residents.

Rod Marty, Levi Leonard Elementary Second Grade Teacher, said, “I greatly appreciated the opportunity for my students to interact with community servants, particularly in a non-school ‘community’ setting.”

The children learned that people can help others through their jobs. That’s what living united is all about – all of us working together to make our community better.



Above: Police Officer Reese talked to the kids about his job

Here is what a few of the 138 students learned from the Live United library program:

Taylor: “She (the mayor) has a hard job.”

2nd grader: “I learned that the mayor could be a lady.”

2nd grader: “Police help people not only arrest them.”

Megan: “I learned what a judge does.”

Seth: “Not to lie in court.”

Aidan: “To show respect in court.”

Ben: “I learned the policemen save lives. The mayor makes sure the policeman are working and she has to take care of a lot of other stuff.”



Left: A 2nd grader decorates a card for nursing home residents



Right: Judge Tom Alisankus, EMT Zach Beaver and EMT Mary Beaver read to the kids