

Virtual Volunteerism with Reading Is Fundamental

Below is a list of suggested volunteer activities you can use to support children in your community whether they are learning virtually or in-person during this rapidly changing educational landscape. Use these turnkey ideas along with your own supplies to help support children's learning during these difficult times. Once you've completed the activity, we suggest you share the final product with a school or other youth-serving entity in your community (or feel free to contact us if we can help connect you to a member of the RIF community). To get started,

1. [Register](#) as a RIF Volunteer,
2. Complete your RIF volunteer activity, and
3. Report back to RIF (we'll send you periodic requests to record your volunteer hours with us and share photos of your activities once you've registered with us).

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

- **Decorate a Bookmark:** Use RIF's [bookmark template](#) to print and decorate bookmark(s) to be shared with children in your community.
- **Character Puppet:** Using a brown paper lunch bag, create a character puppet from a favorite children's book that children can use to read and enjoy a new story. Or, consider packaging a puppet craft kit for children to make their own. Suggested supplies: brown paper lunch bag, markers, pipe cleaners, felt, pom poms or googly eyes.
- **Book-Themed Mask:** Using storybook character fabric, craft a protective facemask to send to children in your community. A suggested sewing pattern can be found here with the disclaimer that these are not medical-grade masks and RIF bears no liability regarding creation or use of masks. Pattern: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-make-cloth-face-covering.html>
- **Literacy Central Puzzle Tools:** Use RIF's puzzle creator tool to create a word search or crossword puzzle to share with students based on a favorite children's book. Access them here: <https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/puzzle-creator>
- **Literacy Central Coloring Sheets:** Select a theme or title and color a picture to share with a class(es). Access them here: https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/search/field_support_type/coloring-page-933?query=&field_themes=All&field_supported_grades=All&type=All

- **Storybook Scavenger Hunt:** Select 5 household items from a favorite book or featured read-aloud title and create a scavenger hunt for families to follow along and find items from the story. Or, select items (words, images) found within a selected title for a class(es) to find as they read. An example can be found here:
<https://www.rif.org/sites/default/files/skybrary-treasurehunt-v2.pdf>.
- **Reading Care Package:** Select any/several of the activity options above, packaging them together for individual students and then delivery or shipment to a class(es).

Please feel free to reach out to the RIF Community Team if we can support you with any questions! LiteracyNetwork@rif.org