Service Learning

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Hard to describe service learning is a concept that offers learning through experiencing. The learning part according to Eyler & Giles informs that the learning part of service learning lies on experiencing and reflection of learners that comes as a result of the experiences (1999). The learners develop empathy and form solid objectives for themselves. As a result, they have a deeper understanding of society and tend to become more effective people both for themselves and the society that they belong to. Another definition of service learning is stated as progressive learning through experiencing the needs of the society. From this point of view, service learning is a very effective way to integrate into society. By the pragmatic aspect of the service-learning concept, learners more easily understand the society that they live in and overcome isolation.

Service-Learning Project Design

A book club is always a good idea for socializing and improving in the same time.

Therefore, my project is kind of a book club that could both enhance the learning of students and help children who have limited access to new books.

Step 1a: Every participant donates a book to the weekly book club and the project starts from this point on. The bookkeeper could be a teacher/professor/volunteer student

<u>Step 1b:</u> The club needs a bookkeeper to track who handed what book in, who read that book after the donation and when will the donor receive the book back.

Step 2: In the first week all participants select a donated book and read it within a week.

Step 3a: The club gathers to discuss the books they read.

Step 3b: Everyone chooses a new book for the next week.

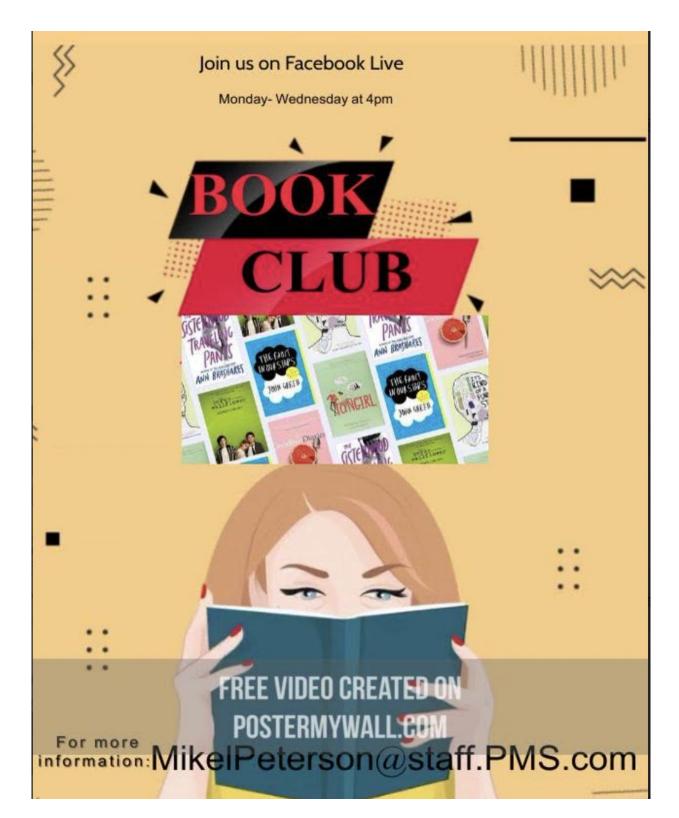
<u>Step 4:</u> Step 3a and 3b repeats. So that every member is knowledgeable about at least two books that were donated to the club.

Step 5a: The donation circle and gatherings continue until the end of the course.

<u>Step 5b:</u> After two weeks of the start of the club, a stand is established in a neighborhood where kids have limited access to books.

<u>Step 5c:</u> Information sharing with kids from the neighborhood about the books at the club, lending books to kids so that they read the books.

Step 6: Involving the kids in the neighborhood to the club discussion about books.







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