



Eagle Scout Project Opportunity

What is Reach Out & Read?

Reach Out & Read is a non-profit organization that works with pediatricians to promote early literacy in children between the ages of six months and five years. The mission of ROR is threefold:

- ❖ Give new books to young patients during wellness visits
- ❖ Encourage parents to read to their children at home
- ❖ Maintain a children's reading room within the patient waiting area

Research shows that as we accomplishing these goals children will begin school with a love of reading that will lead to higher academic success.

How Can You Help?

Many ROR clinics do not have the resources to create a child-friendly reading space in their waiting rooms. Getting these rooms/spaces ready could be a great Eagle Scout Project. Because the space in each clinic is different, the needs will also differ. Here are a few ideas on how you might help:

- ❖ Paint the waiting room
- ❖ Hold a book drive to gather new or gently used books and/or children's magazines for the waiting room
- ❖ Build or donate child-appropriate furnishings for the waiting room (chairs, benches, bookcases, rugs, etc.)
- ❖ Decorate the walls with literacy-promoting materials (posters, photos of adults reading to children, murals, etc.)
- ❖ Find volunteers to read in the waiting rooms
- ❖ Volunteer your own time as a reader in the waiting room

To help create a reading room at one of our twenty-three sites, please contact Carey Crockett at (435) 770-4792 or reachoutandread.ut@gmail.com.