



A Midsummer Knight's Read



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Dear Business Owner/Organization Leader,

I am writing to ask for your **assistance** to fund **Summer Reading 2011** at the **Morrison and Mary Wiley Library** in **Elmwood**. This year the theme is---**Mid Summer Knight's Read!** I am very **excited** about the program this summer. Last year the library was able to raise **\$2655.54**, plus collected lots of **great items** to use as **prizes**. In 2010 the library was able to touch **1,248 people** in **five weeks**. The program would **not** be able to reach so many people **without your assistance**. I know **2011** will be **another successful year**.

I am asking you to please make a **monetary donation** or **donate items** which could be used as **prizes**. If your organization is unable to donate money or prizes, perhaps your members could **volunteer time**. I hope to have at least **175 children** register for the program. If you would like to **discuss** the program or have specific **questions** about how you can help, please **call me** at 742-2431 (library), 742-8260 (home) or (309)-678-0271 (cellular).

Please **send your donation** today or call if you would like someone to pick it up. **THANK YOU** so much for your **continued support** of this very **valuable activity** for the **children and youth** or our community!

New national research from Dominican University finds that students who participate in public library summer reading programs scored higher on reading achievement tests at the beginning of the next school year than those who did not participate.

Sincerely,

Michelle Armbruster
Library Director