



Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

LSSI Holds Book Drive for Peoria Tutoring Program

One of the best kept secrets in the Peoria area is an outstanding tutoring program that is available to foster children served by Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI).

For many years, LSSI and First English Lutheran Church have worked together to provide educational assistance for the agency's foster children.

Mary Neimi facilitates the program, which is supported by a host of dedicated volunteers. The one-on-one program provides academic assistance and also creates a stable environment in which the children can learn. A caring adult tutor is paired with a child, and they work together throughout the year. Eventually, they become friends, and the bonds that are created encourage and motivate children to learn and look forward to their next session. This is truly a unique program that crosses the boundaries of an academic environment through the aid and support of caring adults.

This program is looking for books that can be used by the tutors. These books can be either brand new or very gently used. The following books are preferred:

- *Easy Reading Books*, Levels 1 and 2
- *I Can Read Books*
- Pre-Reading Books (where there are a few words on the page that are repeated)

Although we do not need any additional holiday books, if you would like to donate these, we will accept them with thanks.

For any questions or information regarding the book drive, please contact:

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