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City Council Meeting
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To the President and Members of the City Council:

Reporting on the Committee on Education and Child Development which held a meeting
September 24, 2012

Presentation on "State of Literacy" in the City of Chicago

Respectfully submitted,



Alderman Latasha R. Thomas, Chairman
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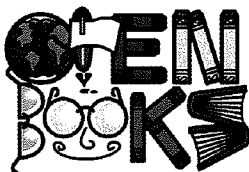
**Presentation to the Chicago City Council
Committee on Education and Child Development**

The “State of Literacy” in the City of Chicago

September 24, 2012



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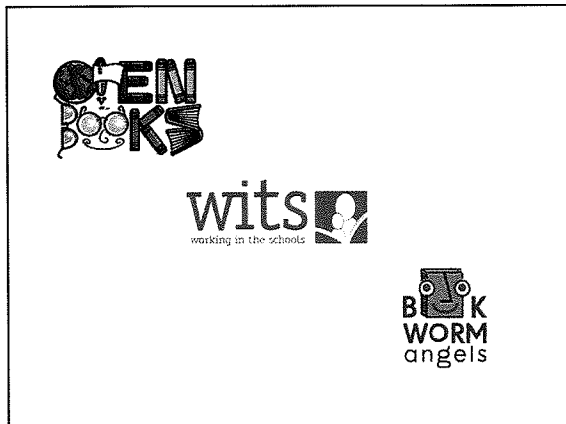


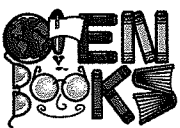
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2011:

- 3,850 students served
- 13,110 program hours
- 70 schools
- 40+ neighborhoods
- 170,000+ books collected
- 3,000+ volunteers

TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH
**READING
WRITING
AND THE
UNLIMITED
POWER
OF USED BOOKS**

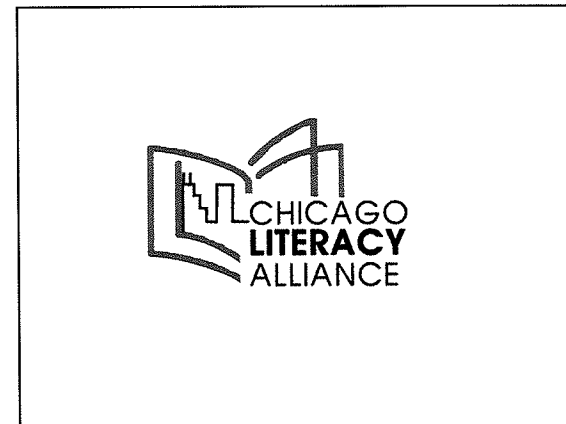
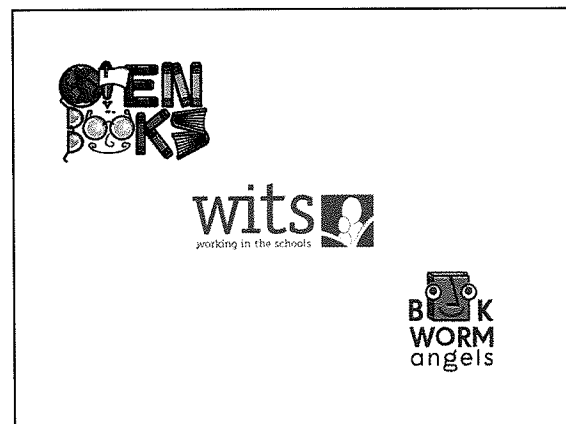



- 3,000 students
- 26 schools
- 41 corporate, university, organization partners
- 1,700 volunteers
- Programs:
 - Early Childhood, Mid-day Mentoring, Workplace Mentoring, Saturday Tutoring and Classroom Assistants
- 20th Ward Program Initiative



Book Worm Angels fosters recreational reading habits by providing classroom lending libraries for children in at risk neighborhoods.


- Serving 177 Chicago Public Elementary Schools
- 90,000 students
- 2,000,000 books delivered






History

- 2009 – WITS and Open Books
- 2010 – Discovery and growth
- 2011 – Collaborative projects
- 2012 – 55+ organizations...and growing




Quick Facts

- More than **200,000** students served
- More than **240,000** parents and families involved
- More than **90%** of CLA member programs and services are for low-income students and families
- CLA organizations :
 - Serve hundreds of CPS schools
 - Operate in nearly every neighborhood in Chicago
 - Donate more than 1.5 million books each year




First Joint Project





- Humboldt Park
- Daniel Cameron Elementary School
- From 5 to 14 organizations
- Widespread literacy score improvements at Cameron

2011

"The CLA has made available wonderful organizations with a proven track record."



Literacy Night





2011-12

- 10 organizations involved
- Over 250 students and family members attended


"It was such a great event, mainly due to the wonderful, quality activities and information that was provided for our parents! Many families were extra grateful for all the fabulous books we were able to distribute for free."

"Yesterday was the most dynamic event we've ever held, and we could not have done it without all of your contributions."




State of Literacy in Chicago

- Not materially different from other major cities
 - Test scores and graduation rates
 - Common Core State Standards
- Growth of non-English-speaking population
- Adult literacy needs
 - *Tribune*
 - 3.5 openings per unemployed worker with bachelor's degree
 - 0.9 openings per unemployed worker with high school diploma...or less
- Literacy in our democracy – the importance of a well-educated, active citizenry





Proposal


- CLA presence in all wards
- Alderman-sponsored ward Literacy Nights
- CLA will provide:
 - Programs
 - Helping parents work with their children
 - Children's literacy-driven activities
 - A book for every child who attends
 - Publicity and appreciation

**Thank You!**

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