FAMILY LITERACY IN A FOOD PANTRY

OCTOBER 1, 2015
AN INTRODUCTION

Betsy Kennedy

Cazenovia Public Library
GETTING STARTED

• What role can the library play?

• Where would it be most successful?
CAZCARES

Food Pantry
Clothing
Client Support

Open: Monday
Tuesday
Thursday
9:30 - Noon
STORY ROOM AT CAZCARES
TEAM EFFORT

Cazenovia Public Library

CazCares

Madison County Reads Ahead

Individual Donors & Grants
STORY ROOM AT CAZCARES
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# 2014 Story Room Numbers

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OUTCOMES

• Relationships
• Consultations
• Partner with other Area Organizations
EVOLUTION OF THE PROGRAM

Early Literacy

+ Adult Literacy
ADULT LITERACY

- Madison County Reads Ahead
- ABE: Adult Basic Education
- GED & TASC
EVOLUTION OF THE PROGRAM

Early Literacy

+ Adult Literacy
  (ABE: Adult Basic Education/ GED & TASC)

+ Summer Reading Program
SUMMER READING PROGRAM
EVOLUTION OF THE PROGRAM

Early Literacy
+ Adult Literacy
(ABE: Adult Basic Education/ GED & TASC)
+ Summer Reading Program

= Family Literacy
VOLUNTEERS
GROWTH OF THE PROGRAM

• New Staff
• Parent Education & Support
• New Programs- “Need Based”
DENTAL HEALTH
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)
OTHER PROGRAMS

• Explore and Learn
• Family Photo Project
MORE BOOKS IN THE HOME

- Library Gift Books
- Favorite Books Program (2013)
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library

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PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Celebrate!
COLLABORATORS

- CazCares
- Madison County Reads Ahead
- Literacy Coalition of Madison County, New York
- MidYork Library System
- Friends of the Library
- New Woodstock Free Library
- St. James Church/Mustard Seed
- Cazenovia College
- Community
  - Private Donors
  - Volunteers
  - Book Donations
WHAT WE’VE LEARNED

• Program Reevaluation
• Partnerships
• Logistics & Practicalities
• Continued Funding
MUSTARD SEED STORY ROOM

- Mustard Seed Food Pantry (Georgetown, NY)
- St. James Catholic Church
- PreSchool model
WHERE TO NEXT?

WIC (Women, Infant, Child)

St. Lucy’s

Little Free Libraries
QUESTIONS?