



## Science The New Frontier

Many of you probably don't know but this is the first time that we have had science programming down at South Reading! We have worked extremely closely with the arts, theater, music, Alvernia classes, and other programs but have never tried to do science related programming. In today's society there is a huge push towards STEM or Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. We felt that we needed to start addressing these needs during South Reading Programming.

Working with the Da Vinci Science Center is our first foray into these activities. Each Monday two educators from the Science Center come down to

programming to teach our SRYI participants different science activities.

This semester for our Bonus Bucks reward we will also be visiting the Science Center to get a hands on experience. This will be complimented by a pizza lunch so it should be a fun time for all!!

Continuing to build partnerships with our Alvernia University professors is also a huge goal. With this in mind we will also be coming to Alvernia on December 1st to work with Dr. Elder's Science education class. This class will teach our younger participants different science education topics. This way our SRYI students will continue to learn about

science and your fellow Alvernia students will have the chance to put into practice what they have been learning all semester.

In another realm we will soon if we haven't already be introducing computers into programming. At the beginning these computers will only have the capabilities to print, but they will eventually have education games on them that the children will be able to play. The computers will also have Word, PowerPoint, excel, on them for the children's use. These computers will not connect to the internet as the church does not have this service in the hall, but can be used as tools for teaching our SRYI participants.

## Last few days of Programming

We have a few more weeks left in the semester! I know that this is an extremely busy time for you while you prepare and take your finals, but if you have time please make sure to continue volunteering with The South Reading

Youth Initiative until you go home for winter break! If you are unable to make a day you are schedule to volunteer please let me know! Also if you are done volunteering for the semester it is very important that you let me

know this as well. Check your mail at home during the Christmas break for a letter stating your hours this semester. This is a great thing to put into portfolios. You will only receive this if you have fulfilled your volunteer contract!



### Special points of interest:

- *Last Day of Programming for Fall Semester*
- *Please remember that I **do not** report your service hours. If you would like to have your hours count towards your graduation requirement you must fill out the paper and return it to Judy Bohler in our office*
- *I can still use a few volunteers for Friday the 9th from 2:30-4:30!*

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## Last Day of Programming

The last day of Fall programming will be Thursday December 15th. Please try to continue to volunteer to the end!

The Holleran Center Staff wishes you a safe and happy Holiday!

Please remember we can use your help in the Spring.

## Volunteer Corner/Service Form

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The best gift you can receive is watching a child's face light up when they learn something new!

Remember that you have helped countless children learn new things this semester and no one can take that knowledge away from them! Your volunteer time is great appreciated!

As an addition reminder if you are using your hours towards your community service hours for graduation **I do not** turn them in. You will need to fill out the community service form and return it to Judy Bohler who is also in the Holleran Center office! This form needs to be filled out before you leave for break so that the hours can be put into our system! The community service form can be found outside the Holleran Center in Bernardine Hall or online on the Holleran Center webpage. If you need to know how many hours you have completed please let me know and I can give you an accurate count.

