

# SRYS Scoop

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- Mondays  
2:30 - 5:45 pm
- Tuesdays  
2:30 - 5:00 pm
- Wednesdays  
2:30 - 5:00 pm
- Thursdays  
2:30 - 5:00 pm

## DAILY SCHEDULE

- 2:30 - 3:30 pm—Homework
- 3:30 - 4:00 pm—Snack/Hot Meal
- 4:00 - 5:00 pm—Daily Activity

## First Day: Getting to know your Student

When working with a student here are a few things to think about:

**Clarifying:** Asking a student for a bit more information or meaning, restate

“What do you mean by that?”  
“Tell me more?”

**Challenging:** Asking a student to justify, reflect, or think about an answer.

“How can that be?”  
“How would you do that?”

**Refocusing:** Asking the student to relate the answer to another topic or idea.

“How does that relate to...?”

**Prompting:** Giving the student a hint, or rephrasing the question to help lead to an answer after the student has tried and failed to understand.

“Let me put it another way...”

“Remember when we talked about...”

**Requesting Summary:** Asking for a restatement of what has just been said or learned, in terms of content and process.  
“Summarize the steps for me.”

“Now you teach it to me.”

All of these can be very useful to you when tutoring the children of the South Reading Youth Initiative.

It is very important to remember that we should do extra work with the participants not necessarily just what they have for homework.

Do not hesitate to ask a participant for an assignment book to check that they have completed all assigned work!



An Alvernia volunteer helps a participant with their homework.

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## HOURS SERVED IN THE FALL 2010

This fall semester fifty-nine volunteers banded together to serve over fifty participants daily through the South Reading Youth Initiative. Overall those volunteers gave nine hundred forty three volunteer hours. This is amazing, and I am extremely happy that so many individuals volunteered with us!

This semester I have set a goal for the South Reading Youth Initiative to have over one thousand volunteer hours. I hope that you will take a few hours out of your week to come down and volunteer with the program! Our participants love to meet Alvernia students and to learn all about the college life!

### YOCUM INSTITUTE FOR ARTS EDUCATION

On Wednesday's for seven weeks, the Yocum Institute for Arts Education will come down to SRYI programming to teach the middle ages of our participants about fairy tales.

The Yocum Institute has been a community partner since the SRYI program started five years ago.

This semester they will be working with our students

ages 9-12. They will be teaching the participants all about real fairy tales. A focal point of the program will be placed on reading and writing.

The participants will also have a chance to visit the Yocum Institute for two days. While at the Institute they will have the opportunity to help create a piece of a set that will be used in a real production.

All of this will culminate in a show put on by the Yocum Institute on March 30th!

To learn more about the Yocum Institute for Arts Education and what they offer please visit <http://www.institute-of-arts.org/Home.aspx?id=113>.



*"Everyone can  
be great because  
everyone can  
serve."  
Martin  
Luther  
King Jr.*

### COUNCIL ON CHEMICAL ABUSE

The Council on Chemical Abuse will be working with our participants on Thursday's starting the first week of programming.

Our seven to ten year old participants will be working through a curriculum entitled Life Skills training. They will take a look at decision-making,

communication skills, and other life skills issues.

Our eleven to fourteen year old participants will be working through a curriculum entitled Too Good for Drugs II. They will take a look at asserting yourself, and the truth about drugs.

The Council on Chemical Abuse has partnered with

us in the past and they always bring great information and skill building to the sessions they teach.

To learn more about the Council on Chemical Abuse please visit <http://www.councilonchemicalabuse.org/>.

### READING PUBLIC LIBRARY

The South Reading Youth Initiative will be visiting the Reading Public Library on Wednesday's throughout the semester.

The participants will be walking down to the library where they will be able check out books which they can

read during programming or take home with them. This is a great time for our tutors to work with the participants on reading skills!

We will be visiting the library on the following days

**Wednesday, February 16th**

**Wednesday, March 16th**

**Wednesday, April 16th**

**Wednesday, April 20th**

For more information on the Reading Public Library please visit

<http://www.reading.lib.pa.us/>



**South Reading Youth Initiative participants read with a volunteer.**

**SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA**



South Reading Participants enjoy the view from the top of South Mountain!

The South Reading Youth Initiative will be partnering with the South Mountain YMCA. We will be working with the YMCA on Tuesdays starting March 29th!

Our seven to ten year old participants will be participating in Science based Nature and Environmental Education. They will be learning about things such as producers vs. consumers and will be doing a pond study.

Our eleven to fourteen year olds

will be participating in teambuilding and adventure education. They will be doing things such as group challenges and a portable low ropes courses.

The YMCA staff will be coming to us in South Reading with an occasional field trip to Angelica Park! We will also be visiting South Mountain YMCA on May 3rd!

To learn more about the South Mountain YMCA please visit <http://www.smymca.org/>

**TRANS-CULTURAL NURSING**

Starting February 28th, every Monday students from the Trans-Cultural Nursing class will be coming down to South Reading.

They will work with our participants on a variety of different activities and presentations.

Last year was the first for presentations of this kind and

things went extremely well. The SRYI participants learned about a variety of different topics including fire safety, yoga, and healthy eating just to name a few.

This semester proves to be very interesting and I am excited to see what the nursing majors come up with to present this year!



A SRYI participant talks to two nursing students on the Alvernia Campus!

*"Tell me and I'll forget. Show me, and I may not remember.*

*Involve me and I will understand."*

*-Author*

*Unknown*

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

Starting the first Tuesday of programming students from an Alvernia Occupational Therapy class will be coming down to work with the participants of South Reading.

They will be conducting a book club with our participants. Last year three different books were read with three different age groups.

Books like *Chicken Soup for the Teenagers Soul* and *The Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.

This will again be the setup for this semester and I am very excited to learn the next three books that our participants will be reading.

This program is extremely helpful to our participants who are English as a second language learners



An Occupational Therapy student works with a SRYI participant during last Springs Book Club!

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Please look at the [Holleran Center](#) webpage on Alvernia's site. Here you will find more information about the Holleran Center and upcoming events.

**SOUTH READING  
YOUTH INITIATIVE  
GOALS**

- Provide a positive, educational “safe haven” for young people through mentoring and support for health choices.
- Cultivate leadership development in the South Reading Hispanic Community as a partner with St. Peter’s Roman Catholic Church.
- Promote continued education completion of high school degree, post-secondary possibilities and career development.
- Utilize existing arts and community partnerships to broaden the cultural education of the young people of South Reading.
- Help grow and sustain the outreach program by infusing talent and energy from Alvernia students, faculty and



Participants create their own journals during programming, Fall 2010!