

# Co-reading Program

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## Introduction

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The purpose of launching co-reading program is to provide a platform for mobilizing the enthusiastic people in the society to help distant children read books, to answer questions and doubts, grow together and change their fate through reading. Now let us look at some statistics.

## Harsh realities

- Among the 1.4 billion people in China, the total number of disabled people has reached 85 million.
- According to the standard of living 1.25 dollars per day, there are about 200 million rural people in need.
- The total number of children affected by migration totaled 103 million, accounting for 38% of the total Chinese children.
- Nearly half of the children in rural areas have developed slowly, and more than half of the pupils suffer from anemia or parasites.
- Almost half of three-year-olds live in poor rural areas.
- Almost everyone wants their offspring to go to college, yet 80% of families have less than two extra-curricular books.

*No sight does not mean no existence. Can we do something for them, rather than keep those numbers on the numbers?*

This document is a co-reading activity proposal, which mainly explains the following questions: positioning and purpose, operation mode, activity content and division of labor.

## Content

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According to statistics, there are nearly 20 million children left behind in the rural areas in China. Their parents have gone to the city to do odd jobs, while the left-behind children stay with their grandparents in their village. The activities are oriented to the impoverished, left-behind and migrant children from grade three in primary schools to junior two in secondary schools, which mainly attract 18-35 year old people.

**Mission:** to study with children in the distance, and grow together.

## Operation mode

The active operators contact the volunteer teachers to collect the list of children. Each school can provide 20~30 (adjustable as the school scale). Then the children's reading needs are hung on our website [www.1book1dream.com](http://www.1book1dream.com). Outsiders choose the children they want to read together from the website and fill in the application form. After the interview of the activity operator, they will become

the volunteers and then enter the volunteer group. The corresponding children's information will be sent to the volunteer's mailbox.

The volunteers need to add parents and class adviser's WeChat, responsible for: ① help children to select books, and then buy and mail them to children, please contact the parents or head teachers to get their addresses. ② monthly maintain one or two exchanges with children. When the children go home on weekends, they can use their parents' WeChat to chat with volunteers. Under special circumstances they can write letters to keep in touch with each other. ③ Quarterly fill in the activity feedback form.

Co-reading volunteers need to persist for 1-4 years until the children in high school when you can get a co-reading certificate. If you want to withdraw midway, please inform us in advance. The volunteer teachers who provide the list are responsible for: ① tracking the reading effect of the children in the list; ② returning to the corresponding volunteers.

## Specific Work

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1. Collect children's information, maintain the website, interview volunteers on-line.
2. Answer questions raised by volunteers
3. Promote the activities, expand influence and attract more people to participate
4. Summarize the progress and achievements (such as gathering children's words, collecting children's poems, collecting volunteers' reflections, etc.)
5. Visit volunteers to supervise the activities and issue certificates for those who complete the activities.
6. Deal with possible problems in the process of co-reading (such as voluntary withdrawal, poor communication, etc.)

## Division of labor

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There is no strict division of labor between departments. The departments must help each other and work together, and the number of people depends on the development. Also, the members of the Department can have liquidity.

**Administrator:** 2-3 people, responsible for co-ordination, supervision, planning project operation, regular meeting summary. (Now Mr. Da, Ms. Zhao, Mr. Qi).

### Sub-sector

**Art:** 2 people, responsible for image processing (PS)

**Editor:** 2 people in charge of writing and editing our official WeChat account

**Programmer:** 2 people, optimize the interface, modify our website

**Outreach:** 4 people in charge of contacting volunteer teachers to collect children list

**Promotion:** 4 people in charge of promotion to attract more people (bookstore, official account, reading club, student union, etc.)

**Psychological counseling:** 2 people, responsible for organizing lectures and training, answering questions (later set up, and later in charge of the interview)

**Volunteer teachers:** A list of teams or individuals in volunteer teaching programs who oversee the co-reading of children and volunteers in the corresponding list.

Since the initiation of the program, we have collected information of 33 children, 26 of whom have been paired with volunteers and started their reading.

More information about the history of Co-reading Program:

<http://www.1book1dream.com/aboutus>

If you are interested in our program and would like to help distant children in poor areas, please scan the following QR code via WeChat to follow our Official Account( or directly follow it via **WeChat ID: onebookonedream**).

