



Dear Community Member,

Join MVP, Schenectady Sihouettes, and leading local organizations in combating low literacy rates among children in Schenectady. The multi-agency initiative called STARS, organized by the Schenectady County Public Library in 2018, is leading the charge to bring books to children. STARS (Schenectady Takes Action for Reading Success) was formed as a group poised to take action and improve access to literature for our youngest citizens. Visit [www.schenectadystars.org](http://www.schenectadystars.org) to learn more about how, who, and what is involved.

To boost access to literature, please assist the effort by sponsorship of a STARS shelf. STARS shelves, installed in the WIC (Women, Infant, & Children) waiting room on Franklin Street and at SiCM's Albany Street food pantry offer new, diverse, and developmentally appropriate books to parents/caregivers for their children. The first STARS shelves are huge successes! Over 3,000 books have enriched children's lives since December 2018 and we're anxious to sustain and build upon the effort. Funds are needed to purchase more book shelves, books to distribute, and parent educational materials.

STARS donations are tracked by the Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library, a 501(c)(3). Donations are tax deductible. Make checks payable to the Friends of SCPL and insert STARS on the memo line.

Send to STARS c/o Friends of SCPL 99 Clinton St Schenectady, NY 12305

\_\_\_\_\_ Brightest Star - Contribution of your choice

\_\_\_\_\_ Bronze Star - \$300 fill a shelf with a set of books

\_\_\_\_\_ Silver Star - \$1,000 fill a shelf with 3 sets of books and educational materials

\_\_\_\_\_ Gold Star - \$5,000 sponsor a complete shelf with books for 4 months and naming option

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Together we will make a difference in the early literacy landscape for our city's residents.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

