

## **TRU 100: READ Farmers' Market Reading Corner**

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**Volunteers:** Amanda Maasen, Audrey Allen, Sydney Bowman, Lillian Conger, Aubrie Grubbs, Addy Inlow, Annika Lawless, Abby Schooley, Jewel Smith

### **Description of Project:**

On Saturdays starting Sept. 19 and ending Oct. 31, teams of TRU 100: READ students hosted a reading corner from 9:00-11:30 am at the Kiwanis Farmers' Market. TRU 100: READ students brought books, blankets, pillows and a crate of books and read to kids on the courthouse lawn while their parents shopped at the Farmers' Market. Both the volunteers and the kids had a wonderful time.

### **Truman Today article:**

[http://newsletter.truman.edu/article.asp?id=25304&utm\\_source=mailpoet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=see-what-s-happening-on-campus\\_87](http://newsletter.truman.edu/article.asp?id=25304&utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=see-what-s-happening-on-campus_87)

### **Quotes from TRU 100: READ Volunteers:**

"Reading children stories to the kids at the Farmers' Market has helped me form strong connections to the Kirksville community." - Amanda Maasen

"Participating in the Farmers' Market helped me feel more comfortable going to school in a new town." - Abigail Schooley

"Overall, I really enjoyed this class. Going to the Farmers' Market every weekend really made me feel part of the Kirksville community. Also, reading to the children allowed me to feel more comfortable around them." - Sydney Bowman

"I really enjoyed this experience because it helped me grow closer with the Kirksville community. Reading to the children helped me feel less nervous around children and made me feel more like an adult." - Addison Inlow

"Reading to kids at the Farmers' Market has been such an incredible opportunity and experience! I feel very proud to call Kirksville my home away from home!"

-Audrey Allen

“I really enjoyed reading to the children at the farmers market because it allowed me to share my passion for reading with the children of The Kirksville community.” -Jewel Smith

“Getting the amazing opportunity to read to kids has made my freshman year amazing. I’ve been able to bond with the girls who also did this project, and the Kirksville community. When I’m at the grocery store or volunteering I see lots of familiar faces from the farmers market. I love feeling like I am a part of the Kirksville community.”-Lillian Conger