



● SPOTLIGHT

Read Across America Day 2010



Tuesday, March 2, is Read Across America Day, the annual National Education Association-sponsored celebration that takes place on or near the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. Schools, libraries, community centers, hospitals, and other programs and individuals across the nation participate by bringing kids and books together. It's a day for every child to be reading in the company of a caring adult.



The [NEA website](#) provides a variety of [planning tools](#), including suggestions for creating an engaging reading event, tried-and-true activity ideas, a participation pledge, PR and media resources, and a [downloadable 2010 Resource Calendar](#) to help you enjoy a whole year of reading and literacy fun. You can also join their [Facebook fan page](#) for pictures, videos, ideas, and the latest news related to this annual campaign.

Make reading part of a child's life on Read Across America Day — and every day!

● RESOURCES

Focus, Prioritize, Get Organized



Is your computer desktop or e-mail inbox littered with items to address or file? How much time do you spend

searching for forms or other documents? Schedule in some time to tidy up and get organized for greater productivity — these books and effective practices from the Resource Center will help you make headway.

Lending Library

- [Getting Things Done: The Art of Stress-Free Productivity](#)
- [The 25 Best Time Management Tools and Techniques](#)
- [Organizing from the Inside Out](#)
- [The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People](#)
- [\(Help!\) I-Don't-Have-Enough-Time Guide to Volunteer Management](#)
- [Organizing Your Work Space: A Guide to Personal Productivity](#)

Effective Practices

- [Creating a database for follow-up on networking opportunities](#)
- [Creating follow-up e-mail for online applicants](#)
- [Using a project calendar to assist with recruiting and scheduling volunteers](#)
- [Recording members' hours using a customized timesheet](#)
- [Using a blog to manage information](#)

● ANNOUNCEMENTS

MLK Day: Share Your Story

SERVE.GOV

After all of your hard work leading up to and on the MLK Day of Service, please continue to share your stories with CNCS and the rest of the country. Simply visit http://serve.gov/share_mlk.asp and take a few minutes to tell how your day went and share links to pictures and video.

"Get Ur Good On" Grants

Miley Cyrus is partnering with Youth Service America to create Get Ur Good On (www.GetUrGoodOn.org), a social network where youth can support each other in their mission to do "good" in their communities. One hundred \$500 grants will be awarded to youth projects addressing important community needs. Take the eligibility quiz here: cybergrants.com. *Applications due Feb. 22, 2010.*

Guardian 2010 "Girls Going Places" Awards: There's Still Time!

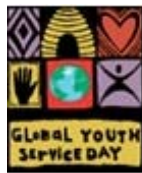
The Guardian Life Insurance Company's annual initiative is designed to reward the enterprising spirit of girls aged 12 to 18 who are demonstrating budding entrepreneurship, taking the first steps toward financial independence, and making a difference in their schools and communities. Every year prizes totaling \$30,000 are granted to three top winners and 12 finalists. *Entries due Feb. 26, 2010.* Details here: www.girlsgoingplaces.com/

TECHNOLOGY CORNER

Simple tech tip:

In MS Word and many other programs, the keystroke **Ctrl+b** will make your highlighted text bold, **Ctrl+i** will italicize it, and **Ctrl+u** will underline it.

SAVE THE DATE



[Global Youth Service Day](#)

April 23-25, 2010

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