



## **Fresno State collaborates with other nonprofits to battle illiteracy**

Dozens of Fresno State students, faculty and staff are visiting Fresno schools to help with ReadFresno, a one-on-one program that matches each volunteer with a first- through third-grade pupil needing help to get to grade level in reading.

The university's participation follows last fall's drive that collected 30,000 children's books for ReadFresno's use. Children are given the book they read, and sometimes it's the first book that child has owned.



ReadFresno helps advance Fresno State's commitment to literacy. It also is part of this year's engagement with the community by students, staff and faculty that will total the equivalent of 13.5 years of volunteer service to schools, government, nonprofit and other organizations throughout Central California.