

Letter to Parents/Guardians

On November 2nd from 9:30-11:00, The YOOTs! Will be teaming with Lyn Frano, from the town's Substance Abuse Prevention team, to perform a dramatic reading of the children's book, The Red Ribbon: a story of hope by John Lasne.

The book is a fairy tale about a kingdom experiencing a feeling of great sadness. The King, who is looking to eliminate this sadness, is approached by a Weaver. The Weaver claims that the kingdom's sadness can be alleviated through the magic of his Red Ribbon. The Red Ribbon must be held up and not be allowed to touch the ground. In order to achieve this, the townspeople work together. In the end, the ribbon does fall to the ground. Even so, the townspeople discover that the sadness is miraculously gone. Their cooperative spirit has given the group a new sense of hope. The magic was not in the ribbon, but instead lay within the townspeople themselves.

The book never mentions the problem of substance addiction, but instead focuses on the idea that the entire town must work together to bring about change.

We will be assigning speaking roles to some of our YOOTs! If your child commits to a speaking role, we want to stress the importance of their attendance on the day of the program. We also have a need for help with the craft that will follow the story. The reading roles are as follows:

Narrator (extensive reading)	Guest 1	(light reading)
King (extensive reading)	Guest 2	(light reading)
Weaver (moderate reading)	Tailor	(light reading)
	Young Girl	(light reading)
	Baker	(light reading)
	Old Man	(light reading)
	Crowd	(light reading)

Please read and sign the form below:

My child _____ will be participating in the RED RIBBON event on Tuesday, November 2, 2010.

My child will be reading the role of _____

My child would like to help with the craft YES NO

My child will arrive at the Tufts Library by 9:30 AM. YES NO

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
