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Farley Library

I completed my 450 hours over the summer at the Dubuque County Library in Farley. I became a member of AmeriCorps because I knew I would be working with children and making a difference in my community. This program has really been an eye opener for me. I did not realize how the smallest things I did would make such a difference. My experiences with AmeriCorps have been nothing short of amazing.



One program that had great response was the Read with Dad's program. Dads were able to interact with their children through books and activities.



Being able to impact children's lives is so important to me. As a future educator, my experiences were extremely valuable. I experienced the trials and tributes of planning and teaching lessons. I have come to realize that children will keep you on your toes and that you must be very flexible. The children's simple and honest outlook on life is so precious and should be used as an example for all.

I worked at the Prescott Summer School the last two weeks of my hours. Helping those children learn how to write and read was a big honor to me. I was thrilled to be able to show the children that I cared about each and every one of them and that they were special to me. Sharing with kids your time and help can really mean a lot to them.



Growing in the Garden was each week during the summer. Kids learned about gardening through planting and activities associated with gardening.

Being an AmeriCorps member has been a great honor. I have been able to reach out to many people in the community through my experiences. The impact that AmeriCorps members have on this community is outstanding and I am thrilled to have been a part of that. I am so thankful to have been able to give back to my community and touch people's lives in such meaningful ways.