



2009 ANNUAL CHILDREN'S READ-A-THON: WEST AFRICA

Spread Corporation is organising a Book Reading Contest for Elementary Schools across West Africa called Read-a-thon:

- 1. The idea is to get pupils to read as many books as possible; fill out report cards that they collect when borrowing the books; and receive different categories of prizes at different stages of the reading contest. This will be fun exercise for children. It is designed to provide recreation, to kindle or rekindle the joy of reading and to have the effect of opening up vistas and imaginative horizons of school children. Its objective would have been achieved if it is able to develop/bring back the zest and love for reading. This is going to be an annual event
2. Spread Corporation is arranging provision of the books to read through the assistance of supporting libraries and other interested bodies in the region as well as of libraries and donors overseas. These books include fictions and nonfiction.
3. This program begins Dec. 1, 2008 and runs through April 2009. Thousands of prizes will be won as the reading contest progresses, but final prize giving ceremonies and sessions would hold at the end of the Read-a-thon.
4. We encourage every school headmaster and headmistress to encourage their teachers to have their classes enrolled for this contest. Schools with the most winning pupils will also receive prizes and classes with the most and the best readers will win prizes for themselves and for their teachers.

Headmasters and headmistresses who are interested in having their school participate in the contest should please have each class teacher under them fill out the form below, detach at the cut point and mail it to Spread Corporation or deliver to contact person, or local Spread Corporation office in your country. Head teachers should please sign the forms.

F. J. Kolapo, Director

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Dr. F. J. Kolapo,
Director,
Spread Corporation
We wish to participate in the 1st annual children's reading contest that you are organising.

Name & Address of School:

[Blank lines for school name and address]

Name of teacher and the Class the teacher handles

[Blank line for teacher name and class]

No. of prospective pupils from your class to participate in the contest

[Blank line for number of pupils]

Name of Headmaster/mistress or principal :: Signature and date

[Blank line for name and signature]