

Help the Volunteer Law Librarians Read for the Record with Somerville Children!

What is Jumpstart's Read for the Record?

Now in its 5th year, Jumpstart's Read for the Record will bring together millions of people to break the world record for the number of children read to in a single day, October 7th, with a single book, *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats. Through this exciting campaign, Jumpstart's Read for the Record will raise national awareness about America's school readiness crisis.



VLLNE volunteers at S.M.I.L.E preschool in Dudley square during Jumpstart's Read for the Record 2009

Jumpstart's Read for the Record and the Volunteer Law Librarians of New England

This year will be the VLLNE's third year participating in Jumpstart's Read for the Record. In the past, volunteers have conducted book drives to buy books for preschoolers in Boston and read in local preschools on the day of the event. This year, VLLNE will be partnering with Tufts to reach out to children in the Somerville community. There are two ways you can help with this exciting effort:

Online Book Drive

Service Committee Chair Amanda Merk is leading an online book drive to raise money that will put a copy of *The Snowy Day* into the hands of Boston preschoolers in need on October 7th. To donate:

- Go to www.readfortherecord.org/bookdrives
- Search for "Volunteer Law Librarians of New England" on the home page
- Click on "Make a Gift" on the VLLNE team page — every \$10 donated will buy a book for a Jumpstart child!
- **Spread the word!** Pass a link to the drive on to friends and family through email or Facebook.

Read on October 7th

- Pledge to read with a child in your life on www.readfortherecord.org
- Join the VLLNE and Senator Pat Jehlen in reading *The Snowy Day* to children at The Open Center in Somerville. This event will take place on the afternoon of October 7th. To receive more information and sign up to volunteer, contact Amanda Merk at amerk@seyfarth.com.

