

Newport Literacy Park: A Vital Part of the Local Community

Our club built Newport Literacy Park adjacent to the city library as our Centennial Project; the park continues to be a popular spot for a variety of users, the most obvious is the Summer Reading Program for Kids.

Even though the park was built several years ago, our club is proud of “our” park and each year we hold work parties to keep it attractive and up-to-date.

This year’s work party, to prepare the park for the 2012 Summer Reading Program, won’t be held until May but we wanted to include the photo shown at right, which is of the 2011 work party.

We have been astounded by the success of the park; last summer all previous records were broken when over 300



Our club built Newport Literacy Park and continues to maintain it; in fact, our efforts have been instrumental in the city creating an “Adopt-a-Park” program and our club will be the first organization to sign an agreement for that relationship.

youngsters and their parents showed up for the opening event.

The park includes a small amphitheatre and the reading program includes entertainment for the kids prior to their going into the library to read, hear stories and check out books for themselves.