

WARM WELCOME TO THE LIBRARY



Vestal, N.Y.,
Lodge No. 2508

PROJECT OVERVIEW

This program connects families with their local library and provides libraries the opportunity to showcase their services and programs. By giving each child a brand new coat when they attend the event, a Warm Welcome to the Library project fulfills an urgent need, while simultaneously encouraging literacy and learning at local libraries.



STEP 1

Get Started

Before applying for this project, contact your public library to review the program objectives. Once the public library agrees to participate, visit Operation Warm's [Community Partner Registration Page](#) to make an account and review a step-by-step guide for hosting a successful event. Or purchase coats as a Lodge!



STEP 2

Make it a Success

Work with local connections to identify families to invite to the event. Examples of organizations to reach out to include the YMCA, Boys & Girls Club and Head Start. If you are working with Operation Warm, they recommend inviting up to 150 children.



STEP 3

Make it Your Own

Create a make-believe dress-up area with a mirror and props. Activities will make your Warm Welcome to the Library event a memorable experience.

Please note: This program costs approximately \$4,000 to complete with Operation Warm. Consider using other CIP grants in conjunction with the Spotlight Grant to complete this project.