

WARM WELCOME TO THE LIBRARY



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, you can opt to 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, you can purchase coats individually as a Lodge.



STEP 2

Make it a Success

Identify and invite families by connecting with local partners. 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.

Coordinate with staff and volunteers to help the event run smoothly. Examples of volunteer duties include helping children get properly fitted for a coat, registering children for library cards, or leading various activity stations.



STEP 3

Make it Your Own

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

CIP Tip: 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.