

# WARM WELCOME TO THE LIBRARY



Pocomoke City, Md.,  
Lodge No. 1624

## 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.



### 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.