



# East Broad and Armstrong Wrap Up Teens for Literacy Program with Book Donation

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Students from East Broad Street School visited Armstrong Atlantic State University on April 24, to celebrate the year-end close of Teens for Literacy, a literacy program for inner city children coordinated by the Armstrong College of Education.

Teens for Literacy is a partnership between East Broad and Armstrong that empowers East Broad's student leaders to strategize and develop novel ideas to inspire their fellow students to read.

Over the last semester, Armstrong student volunteers taught the East Broad reading ambassadors how to be good mentors to younger students. The ambassadors took the inspiration and implemented several reading programs at their school. They created a living museum of basketball players, wrote a rap song, produced a video and read aloud to younger students.

But the reading won't stop there.

While at the closing celebration, Teens for Literacy and Usborne Books donated \$2,000 worth of books to East Broad Street School. The reading ambassadors each received a book for their efforts in the program, and the rest of the collection will go to East Broad's library.

Teens for Literacy is the brainchild of Armstrong instructor Allen Berger, who originated Teens for Literacy while serving as professor emeritus at Miami University in Ohio. At Armstrong, he teamed up with education professor Jaime Berry and East Broad counselor Amber Swain to bring the program to Savannah. Teens for Literacy is funded through a SPARC II grant as part of Armstrong's strategic goals and mission.

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