

# Service

I can help.

## Books

\**I Walk with Vanessa* by Kerascoet

This wordless book tells the story of a girl who is made fun on the way home from school. A bystander sees and is upset by what she saw, but how can she help?

\**Miss Rumphius* by Barbara Cooney

Miss Rumphius has lead an adventurous life moving to the city and exploring far away places, but now has settled down to grow old by the ocean. What will she do in her new home?

\**Horton Hears a Who* by Dr. Seuss

Thanks to his giant ears, Horton hears a tiny voice and discovers a whole world no bigger than a speck. He takes on the job of protecting that speck and keeping that world safe.

\**A Hat for Mrs. Goldman* by Michelle Edwards

Mrs. Goldman knits hats for everyone in the community. When she gives her own hat away, her young friend Sophia decides to knit Mrs. Goldman a hat as special as she is.

\**A Sick Day for Amos McGee* by Eric Stead (Caldecott Winner)

Amos McGee takes extraordinary care of the animals at the zoo. When he gets sick, the animals take extraordinary care of him in return.

\**Last Stop on Market Street* (Caldecott Winner)

A reluctant boy and his grandmother take their weekly journey to volunteer at the soup kitchen. Once there, he remembers how much he loves the people there and is grateful they made the trip.

\**A Chair for My Mother* by Vera B. Williams (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wV1ege3jEFE>)

When the family apartment burns down, the neighbors come together to help. However, the one thing the can't provide is a nice comfy chair. The family works hard and saves to give Mama a nice comfy place to sit after a long day.

\**My Friend is Sad* by Mo Willems

Gerald is sad. Piggie tries lots of silly things to make him laugh, but all Gerald really wants is to be with his friend.

\* indicates a book in our library

\**Sam and the Lucky Money* by Karen Chinn

Sam is so excited to get his red envelop of money as a Chinese New Year gift. He can't decide what to buy with his money, but when he sees a man on the cold street with no socks or shoes, he knows exactly what he should do with the money.

\**The Lion and the Mouse* by Jerry Pinkney (Caldecott Winner)

This wordless Caldecott winner tells the story of the lion letting a mouse live, who in turn saves the lion from poachers.

\**The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss

A reminder that service can extend to the natural world too. The Lorax speaks for the plants and the animals and tries to keep them safe.

## Digital Resources

Read Aloud of *Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVSrz-5ps7g>

Mary's kind act of leaving blueberries on a neighbor's porch creates a ripple of good deeds that brighten so, so many days.

Fred Rogers: Look for the Helpers - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LGHtc\\_D328](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LGHtc_D328)

A short clip to remind adults of the importance of highlighting the helpers to help children feel safe.

All About Helpfulness (song for kids about helping) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2JuaPK4ReHA>

A catchy tune about simply acts of helpfulness.

Sesame Street: Usher - Volunteer - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5cysG5M1PFA&list=PLFkKzyTSEshCufINvL6GpLTcGLpcu0pOr>

Elmo and Usher explain what volunteering is.

Change the World in 5 Minutes Every Day at School - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1o7i3euPvA&list=PLFkKzyTSEshCufINvL6GpLTcGLpcu0pOr&index=7>

A video following an elementary school in Australia as they devote the first 5 minutes of each school day to changing the world.