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SERVICE REFLECTION

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I've had the opportunity to serve my community by volunteering at community action and with American fork Public Library. When I first began doing volunteer work, it was all I could do to drag myself down to the agency and get to work. Now that I have been volunteering for awhile, I look forward to the chance to serve and enjoy doing it. If I have any spare time, one of the first things I do is go down to the library and see if they have any need for volunteers.

As I worked at the library stocking shelves, cleaning books, dusting, straightening shelves and a dozen other tasks, I gained insight into the how-to's of what it takes to manage a library. While I was there I met a lot o people and got to know them. It's been an interesting experience getting to know people I have never even thought of associating with, especially those of the older generation.

As I serve I realized what an asset the library is. Day after day I met and I saw people that needed the library to make their lives function. Many people don't have the internet, which was something I hadn't realized, and the library gives those people a computer to conduct business and do whatever it is they need, free of charge. I realized that without these services many people would be in quite a pinch.

Throughout this experience I have come to look forward to helping others and the community, and it isn't something temporary; this experience will follow me the rest of my life as something worthwhile that helps people and the community.