What would you do if money were no object?

By Shawna Lynch

The first thing I will do is pay all my bills, pay my parents’ bills, pay my sisters’ bills and pay all my nieces’ bills. Then I will put money away for my grand nephew, and CDs at the bank.

I haven’t taken a family vacation in a very long while. So, I think it’s about time we travel the world. I have always wanted to go on a cruise. There are many things you can do on a cruise, and stopping at different locations to have time to learn about their cultures. After weeks being on the cruise, we need to find new places to live most definitely. I will have my own place, and I’m going to get a house for my parents that’s also big enough for my nieces and my sisters to live in.

If money were no object I would love to donate money to the Breast Cancer funds, and also help different families that are going through difficult situations.

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Buying a Truck

By George M.

I want to buy a Toyota Tundra truck. I like the way the Toyota is built and how it is dependable. For example, it is made with connections to have trailers. I have many things. The Toyota has a lot of room, so I will not feel cramped. It has space for me to stretch my legs. The Toyota Tundra gets good mileage. It also looks beautiful.
**People Are Like Books**  
*By Janine B.*

If I read people  
They are like reading a book  
So interesting.

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**Reading**  
*By Marie G.*

Reading in my bed.  
It’s relaxing. Mysteries  
Thrillers with popcorn.

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**Books**  
*By Brenda S.*

Reading books is fun  
I go to the library  
I like mysteries!

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**Books**  
*By Ebony E.*

Cold and rainy day  
I go to the library.  
Sunshine in my book.

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**Reading**  
*By Hung Q.*

Enjoying snow days  
Stay at home, no work today  
Loving reading books
**Books**  
*By Janet B.*

Read often for fun.  
I enjoy reading novels.  
It’s good to have fun.

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**Books**  
*By Lauren P.*

I like to read books.  
Reading paper backs with mom.  
Happy. It is fun.

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**Reading**  
*By Dewin T.*

Sitting on the beach.  
I’m thinking about the World.  
Reading takes me there.

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**Reading**  
*By Harry T.*

In my recliner  
Read the newspaper at home.  
Relaxed and sleepy.

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**Lyrics**  
*By Richard L.*

Enjoy music sounds.  
Listening to the lyrics.  
Makes me excited.
**Acrostic Poem:** A poem where the first letter of each line spells out a word.

**EQUALITY**  
*By Dewin T.*

Each of us have the same desires.  
Quality in my life.  
Understanding of who I am.  
Allow people to do their thing.  
Life is too short.  
It is beautiful.  
To not be angry with people.  
Yes be proud of yourself.

**EQUALITY**  
*By Harry T.*

Everyone looks different but still the same.  
Quit thinking you are better than others.  
Under our skin we’re all the same.  
A person who walks alone will return alone.  
Learn to be nice to my friend.  
I want to be a good neighbor to everyone.  
Try to treat people fairly.  
You should be kind to people always.
EQUALITY
By Ebony E.

Enough people help other people.
Quickly to help.
Uplift people.
Always learn new things
Looking for peace
I am an individual.
Trusting others.
You are the same as me.

EQUALITY
By Marie G.

Everyone is created the same.
Question is, do we all believe that?
Unique we are, but also the same.
Always consider others with kindness.
Love is always the key.
In everything you do, give love.
Treat others as you would like to be treated.
You and I were created to make this world a better place to live.
EQUALITY

By Richard L.

Everyone has a heart.
Question unkindness.
Understand feelings.
Always be respectful.
Learn about others.
Individual
Truth not lying.
Yet always love.

EQUALITY

By Hung Q.

Everyone should be equal.
Question the treatment of all people.
Understand we are all alike.
A family
Like brothers and sisters.
Instead of strangers.
Try to be kind to everyone.
You can do it!
EQUALITY
By Brenda S.

Everyone is equal.
Quick to learn what’s right and wrong.
Understanding other people.
Always forgive other people.
Love your neighbor.
If you understand them.
Try to love one another.
Yes the world would be a better place.

EQUALITY
By Janine B.

Enough hate and more love.
Quit judging each other
Understanding people’s struggle.
Always be kind.
Learn to love.
I just wish the world could get along.
Treat people how you want to be treated.
You and me can make a big difference in the world.
Eyes of a Dreamer

By Asheeda

A day in the life of a dreamer
In my eyes looking for hope
Someday to find confidence
To succeed in real life
Dreams are just dreams
And they don’t come true
Real life does come true
When you work hard towards it
It has setbacks, disappointments,
Disagreements, and lost loved ones
This is the difference between a dreamer
and a real life

EQUALITY

By Lauren P.

Everyone can be equal.
Quit treating people bad.
Understand people
Always be good.
Love and laugh.
I will be nice to people.
Trust others to treat me nice.
You are a nice friend.
Dream Trip
By Andretta Long

A place that I would like to visit is Italy. I always imagined myself going to Italy since I was in my 20’s. Now I’m in my 40’s. I feel that my dream trip will happen soon.

I don’t like to travel because I do not like getting on a plane. I feel worried about getting to my destination safely, but I love it when I get there. When I travel I like to be comfortable. I like to wear sweatpants and a hoodie.

The reason why I want to visit Italy is because I would like to see Milan. Milan is the center of the fashion industry. I love to shop for clothes. I feel that the style of clothes will be different.

There’s a town named Andretta in Italy. That is my name. I would like to visit there too. I would love to try authentic Italian food. I love pasta and cheese. I also would like to visit some wine vineyards. When I see pictures from Italy, I see that it’s a beautiful place. I can’t wait to get there.

I would like to take my family members or friends. Whoever wants to come. I can not wait to go.
The Amazing Animal Time: Moffee Moth

By Stephen Solomon

This is a story called “Moffee Moth.” Moffee was born in China on a mulberry tree and he was a silkworm. But one day the wind started to blow. The wind blew up the leaf. It flew to the other side. Then he is headed to the giant tree Moffee was tumbling on the branch. “Oww! What the heck?” cried Moffee. He’s safe. And Moffee just found a pile of leaves and it’s good enough to eat a lot. Moffee lived in the new tree.

Then he is full and ready to make a cocoon. But Moffee saw an old nest and it’s empty. “This is a good place to sleep,” said Moffee. Then he yawned and he took a nap. He started to wrap up, and there you have it. But suddenly two birds got married. They came home but the birds thought it’s an egg. “Somebody kept that egg in our nest,” said the blue bird. “Whose egg is that?” said the pink bird. Nobody came so they kept the egg warm. One day, the cocoon came out and the bird saw Moffee Moth. The bird gasped and flew around the circle. Moffee said, “Why am I taking a nap so long?” The bird said, “This is the tree called, Home of the Birds, where all birds live.” So the birds may keep him for a family.
Play Station PS-4
*By Taeja*

I like playing Play Station PS-4. I like the Basketball game. It is fun and something to do. I use the remote control to bounce the ball and shoot baskets. I can play by myself or with another person. There are other games called Call of Duty, Fortnite, Sims 4, and Grand Theft Auto. I like to play them all. My sister and I like to Play Roblox. We enjoy playing a lot of games.

Young Man Travels Around The World
*By Kevin M.*

My name is Kevin. I loved my work as a quartermaster. I have been to many places. For the last forty years I was a seaman. I went all over the world. I met many people. I was assigned to a ship for a period of ninety to one hundred twenty days. I had to bring clothes for all kinds of weather. I never knew where I was going to go. As a quartermaster I was responsible for steering the ship. I worked on ships for a total of fifty years. The ships flew the flags of different countries such as Germany, Great Britain, and the United States.

My Favorite Christmas
*By Bernard*

This Christmas I went to see my brother down south. I bought him a gift. I wrote on a card also. By lunch I got him to drive me to the store. Then we went to the mall. I bought some pants. Then I went to get something to eat. Then I went back to shopping. I saw some white shirts and bought one. Then I bought some coffee for myself.
Home alone lost in New York

By Destiny

This is about a movie I watched. I want to tell you about it so you will want to watch it.

His whole family slept in so they all were rushing to get to the airport so they wouldn’t miss their plane. They were going on a family trip but one of their sons got on the wrong plane. He was in New York. They found out when they were getting their bags. So he asked the people at the desk what city that was out there and they said it was New York.

He said oh no I did it again. The gate attendant asked is everything ok he said he will be just fine. The rest of his family went to the hotel room. The mom and dad went to the cop station. The cop said he wouldn’t be anywhere else. But he was in New York by himself. He had money because he had his dad’s backpack with him.

He checked into this hotel called the ding dong hotel in New York City with his dad’s credit card. He said wow it worked so they showed him to a room. They did not like the way he looked. The guy behind the corner told the bellhop to look in his bag. Kevin saw what the bellhop was doing. Kevin said hey and the guy said do you want your key in your bag. He said no I will take it.

Kevin called the room service and asked for some ice cream. Kevin said make it three scoops I am not driving. He was watching the second movie. Then he said ok I believe you but my tommy gun doesn’t. He said I am going to give you to the count of ten to get your lying forefoot out my door before I blow your head to pieces. He said one two three and then he started shooting her.

Then he fell asleep watching the grinch. He heard someone come into the room so he acted like his dad was in the shower singing. The man who did not like the way he looked peeked at him. Then the man in the shower said hey get out of here before I slap you silly.
Then Kevin came down the elevator and the man said when is your father coming down. Kevin said if you got peeked on in the shower, you would not like to see him again. I don’t think so. Then he said oh I understand, have a nice day McAllister. Then Kevin went outside and the man said here’s a cheese pizza just for you and a limo. He got inside and was eating the pizza and watching the Grinch Stole Christmas. Then he picked up the phone and asked the man who was driving does he know any good toy stores around here.

He said yes he did and took him to the store. He bought something and gave the man a lot of money. Only he and I really didn’t need it. I will probably spend it on stuff I really don’t need. The man who owns the store give him two turtle doves. Then he went outside and looked at a map. Then those wet bandits showed up out of nowhere. When Marv tried to grab him, he screamed loud and then he ran off.

He ran off past a man who happened to be selling pearls. Kevin bought some, ran to the next street where not that many people were, and let them go off the string. He ran back to the hotel he was staying at. The man at the hotel asked him why do you look so worried? Is it because of your stolen credit card? Kevin ran past all the people who work in the hotel and slid into the elevator.

He went into the room that he was staying in and grabbed some cookies and candy. Then the people from downstairs came in the room and he put the tv on so this is what the tv said. A man said, stop right there. A woman said, Johnny it’s me. He said, I know it’s you, I can smell you getting off the elevator. You were here last night, weren’t you? She said yes. He said, I know you were here. You were here and you were smooching with my brother. The lady said, you are clearly mistaken. Then the man said, you were smooching with everybody: my brother Jeff, Leo, Bo with limpy leg, and Cliff.

One of the men who worked at the hotel was named Cliff. Everybody looked at him and he said it not true. The girl on the tv said ok, ok, I am sorry, I love you too. He said, you have got to do better than that. He said, get down on your knees and tell me you love me. Then all the people in the room got down and said I love you. He said, I believe you but my tommy gun doesn’t. I am go to give you to the count of ten to get your lazy, no good keister off my property before I pump your brain full of lead. He said, one, two, three then he started shooting and laughing while he was doing it. Then Kevin copied him when he said merry Christmas. Then he shot again and said, and a happy new year.
“Home alone” continued

Then he shot the gun one more time and Kevin ran out of the back of the hotel. Then the bad guys got him. But, they did not know he had a recorder in his pocket and he was recording everything they were saying. The other guy said we were going to hide out in the toy store and wait till they close up, then take all of the money. Then Harry said, will you shut up? Harry told Kevin he had a gun in his hand and if he said anything, he will shoot him.

They stood on one side of the street and in front of them the was a woman. So Kevin pinched her butt and she turned around and punched one of them in the face. Kevin then said, he did it and pointed to the other guy so she punched him in the face. Kevin ran off to the park and they ran after him, so he hid in a box. So many kids were in the park on a field trip, so Marv picked up one kid and said to Harry, I got him. He said, that’s not him. He thought it was because they had the same hat on. Then Kevin said, Mom, where are you? So he want to is uncle’s place, but no one was there because they were out of town.

He went around the back then he got in that way. There was a mess, so Kevin drew up a plan so he could catch the bad guys. He moved a piece of wood that was there at first. He put a nail gun on the front door. He put some slimy stuff on the ladder. One man went up to the door and pulled the door knob and got shot by the gun in the butt, then the other area, and then the face. The man who went to the back got hurt too. Then the man in the front kicked the door open. He walked in and fell through the big hole in the floor. The other man got hurt by tools. They got hurt really bad by a blow torch.

The man who fell through the floor looked up and said, wow, that’s a big hole. Then he packed stuff on top of other stuff, stepped on it and tried to get up. The man whose hair was on fire put his head in a toilet of gasoline which made it blow up. The man who saw him said, Harry, he’s in the living room. Kevin went up the ladder. He said, guys, why don’t you just use the stairs? Harry said, remember what happened last time we underestimated him? He hit us with paint cans.
“Home alone” continued

Harry said, watch this, I’m coming. Kevin threw another paint can down and Harry said, that’s one. Then Marv said, I will get him, and Kevin threw another paint can down. Marv said, that’s two. Let’s go, said Harry. Kevin threw a big, black barbell down and they said that’s three. Then Kevin cut the barbell off the rope and it hit them. Then they said, that’s four.

Kevin went down a rope. They went after him. Marv said, what’s that smell? He asked Harry if he was wearing shaving cream. He said no, that is the rope, it is soaked in kerosene. Marv said, now why would somebody soak a rope in kerosene?

Then Kevin said, hey guys, and set the rope on fire. Then he ran to a telephone booth and called 911. He told the cops to look for fireworks in Central Park. Then Kevin ran from the telephone booth heading to Central Park. He slipped on ice, fell, and Harry and Marv caught him. The lady who saved him had bird seeds and threw them on Harry and Marv. She said, Kevin, run. Kevin ran and stopped at a tree to set off the fireworks. The cops got Harry and Marv. The cops said, you should have started a little earlier, the prisoners already exchanged Christmas gifts.

Kevin went to the biggest Christmas tree in New York and said, God, I just want my family back. Then his mom came out of nowhere and said Kevin! He said Mom, that was quick. They hugged each other and he said, how did you know I would be here? She said, it is the biggest Christmas tree in New York City.

They went back to the hotel. The next morning one of the kids woke up and said, it’s Christmas. Kevin said, don’t get your hopes up, Santa Claus doesn’t visit hotels. He said, mom, dad, come see this! The mom and dad woke up. Then Kevin’s brother Buzz said, if Kevin did not mess this up again, we wouldn’t be in this big hotel with all these free presents. So, I think it’s only right that Kevin should get to open the first present. He said, merry Christmas, Kev. Kevin said, thanks Buzz. Buzz said, stop with all the mushy stuff, let’s dive in. Then Kevin went outside and gave one of the turtle doves to the lady from the park. She said, what is this for? He said, so we will always be friends, no matter how far we are. Then Kevin’s dad got a bill from room service and yelled Kevin’s name because he spent a lot of money. Then, Kevin ran.
My Great Grandson

By Great-Grandma

I would like for you to meet my great grandson, Delton III. We call him Leo because he was born in August. He was only four pounds when he was born, but he came home in three days. We had to go find him a preemie car seat to bring him home. Because he was eating and acting as a ten pound baby, that is why he came home early. He turns his head left and right already and he looks at the TV like he knows what he is looking at. He loves it when you talk to him and he knows when his father comes and baby talks to him. His father is my grandson Delton the 2nd and his grandmother is my daughter, Toni. Leo is now holding his own bottle with his own two hands. He will be turning 5 months on January 18. I call him the covid baby, my Leo [Delton the 3rd]. He makes bubbles with his mouth and he sleeps all thru the night and when he is hungry he lets you know it. That boy has some lungs on him. He laughs and chuckles. One time my daughter and my grandson were in the room about to give Leo a bath. She asked Leo “are you ready for a bath”. Leo said no and we looked at each other. I wish I could let you see a video of him saying No. Leo does so much stuff for his age. MY LEO- great grandma loves you.

Batman in Gotham City

By Jammar

Batman saved Gotham City from Joker because he tried to get rid of Batman. Batman tried to save Robin. Batman was driving a Batmobile. Batman was to take a break for lunch. Batman was to save a woman from the water.
Aiyon, the New Warrior

By Aiyon S.

I am a fan of Power Rangers and this is my fan fiction story about a character named Aiyon.

Aiyon was a prince who lived somewhere far away. When evil came, he was locked in his room, and when the battle was done, his whole kingdom was destroyed. But, he found his Scepter. As soon as he touched it, it glowed, but he did not yet know the powers that the Scepter gave him. He fought for the greater good and he had to make sure the world and his kingdom were safe. Before he became king, there was a team with powers just like him. Aiyon saw the video about Tommy Oliver and his life as a Power Ranger, which made him think about what his new life would be as a new chapter begins. He built a new castle in a new town. Aiyon went through a lot of tests as a Power Ranger. When there was no more evil, he could be king in a few months, but he had no guards. As his first order, he wants his friends, the Power Rangers, to be his new royal guards. They lived in the castle with him and also have a base. They worked at a company called Buzz Blast, but no one can know that they are Power Rangers. Aiyon’s team knows how Aiyon likes to be the center of attention. Knowing that he is going to be king and care about the world and the people who live in it, he has to be careful about how he uses his Scepter. Now that evil had come, Aiyon used the powers of the past, present, and future of the other Power Rangers in the BIG BATTLE. They came for one last fight where thousands of creatures had to be defeated. Two weeks later, after the world was saved, the BIG DAY came for Aiyon LaMont Sutton when he was crowned KING of the whole world, King Aiyon.
Holidays
By Brenda

Thanksgiving is the first holiday in the winter months. This year Thanksgiving was very good to be able to see family and friends get together. Christmas is on the way and I am excited to play games with my grandkids. We are heading into a new year and I hope next year will be a better year!

Now we are into 2022 and so far it has not been a good year for me. I have lost some of my family members but I cannot stop my life. My children and grandkids need me so I can talk and play games and keep loving them.

I hope this year we can get away from wearing a mask. But I know it is not going to be any time soon.

The Weather
By Marcia

The weather this week was crazy! There was snow everywhere. My daughter and I were ready to go out to take care of some things. When we saw the driveway, it was slippery, so I started to clean up the snow and sprinkle salt. When we were on the main street, it was cleaned up by the truck.

Pandemic
By Duke

It is so hard for me because I work for Walmart and there are a lot of people I come in contact with. That worried me a lot because people don’t care about themselves, so why would they care about me? I am an old man with health problems so it is hard for me. I need to look out for myself the best I can.
Family Time With My Grandson  
*By CJ*

My grandson came home for Thanksgiving. I was glad to see him and his family. They stayed for 9 days. We had a good time and I was sad to see them go back.

Grateful to Grow Up In Virginia  
*By Floyd*

I am grateful and thankful to God for waking me up every morning.

I grew up in Virginia with both parents. I was blessed to have two sisters and seven brothers. I am blessed to have tutors that are willing to help me look at life in a positive way, examples are attending class twice a week and learning more about reading and writing.

Debbie’s First Journal  
*By Debbie*

Dear Susan, I would like to tell you that you do a very good job.

Dear Janet, thank you for this opportunity. I have learned a lot. I have been wanting to tell you how well I have learned. I have learned how to do some reading, some math, some writing, and some spelling.

Bill Pickett  
*By Will*

I love Bill Pickett. Bill Pickett was a black cowboy. Bill Pickett flipped bulls around using their horns. Bill Pickett had a black horse. He was a horse rider.

The End
My Dream House

By Jessica S.

Because I have two daughters I would like to raise them with safety and comfort of my own house. A nice house to be built the way we want to and we will be able to have fun and enjoy the new things we have planned with the house. A nice backyard and front yard around about drive way and praying we will get the dream house.

I take a look back at my life when I first started at the READ Center. It was a wonderful morning when I started because I felt like the people who were there were my family. It still feels like that today. Every morning I go to class, I thank the Lord for the READ Center. I came a long way. I am going a long way. God is good all times. Amen.

By Tim Walker

My phone takes up most of my time. I text my friends. I also talk to my friends. When they text me I respond. I call them back right away.

I want to write better. I want to read better. I want to read the drivers ed. book. My grandma helps me.

By Lavado Green

A Good Sport

By Anonymous

Football is a sport that has a big audience. There are professional football teams. There are college football teams. Fans of football watch on tv. Fans watch football in stadiums.

Football is a good sport. Football is fun to look at. When you lose it is just a game. It is still awesome.
READ Center

*By Samuel*

I really enjoy the READ Center. It is helping me to think and learn. The READ Center instruction is great. I practice my computer skills.

I would love to be able to know the computer keys better. This is something that I have never done before. I feel daily practice of my computer skills will help me a lot.

When I first started at the READ Center, I had recently had a stroke and I couldn't remember much. However, the READ Center has played a role in helping me to this point.

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What is your favorite way to spend a lazy day?

*By Aletheia*

It is to spend some time with my dad, mom, Yahnitia, Ron, Bishop Duane Bell and other people. I like to stay in my bedroom and watch some tv or movies like Black Panther, History, Harriet Tubman in my night clothes and sleep. I would drink Sprite Zero and eat some chicken or ice cream. I will get on my HP computer for a little while. I will get on Youtube, Facebook, IXL, Gmail. I will take a walk at 6:30pm with Yahnitia and my dad before they have to go for work.
I would like to teach little kids. I would like to teach kindergarten. I would like to teach them how to do math and reading. This would make me happy. I have lots of kids around the neighborhood. I like to help them out.

*By Jasmine*

Christmas is a special time of the year where family gets together around and sings Christmas carols. My grandmother Gertrude Gayles cooked good food during the Christmas Holiday.

*By Bryant Gayles*

I want to be a great producer. One day when I finish school and get my highschool diploma I will be able to be help my children with their homework better then what I did before and I owe it all to god.

*By James Spellman*

The READ Center is good to me. I am learning more every day. I am in Don’s class. Don is teaching me every day.

*By Mark Taylor*
I want to learn to read. I need to come to class on time. I need to learn the sounds of letters and practice. I want to read my bible. I want to get my nursing certificate.

*By Priscilla*

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**Stone Soup**

*By ABC*

Stone Soup is a story I read in a book. I want to tell you about it. There were three soldiers walking down the street. They were so tired and hungry. They came to a farmhouse, but the farmer and his wife were hiding in the house. When they finally answered the door the soldiers said, “Please we are tired and hungry. Do you have anything to eat”? The farmer said, “No, we don't have anything to eat”! They sat down and one of the soldiers said, “Let's cook some stone soup!” They started cooking the soup. One of the soldiers said, “It would be nice if you had some potatoes. The soup would taste better.” The farmer's wife goes and gets a potato. That makes the soup better. The other soldier said, “If we had some chicken, it would taste much better.” The next soldier asked for onions and carrots. The soup tasted much better! The soup tastes very good but butter would make it taste better. The farmer’s wife put it in the pot and at last the soup was done. Everyone ate the soup and was refreshed. The three soldiers washed the pot and saved the stone. The farmer said, “We would like to save it.” “Thank you,” the farmer said, “We will use it to make stone soup.” Then the three soldiers said goodbye as the farmer and his wife watched them leave. The farmer and his wife took a look at each other and wondered why they hadn't thought of making stone soup before!
**Sewing Machine**

*By L.M.*

A sewing machine is a machine used to sew fabric and materials together with thread. Sewing machines were invented during the first Industrial Revolution to decrease the amount of manual sewing work performed in clothing companies.

The first practical and widely used sewing machine was invented by Barthélemy Thimonnier, a French tailor, in 1829. His machine used a hooked and barbed needle to produce a chain stitch. Unlike the other inventors before him, his machines were put into production, and he was awarded a contract to produce uniforms for the French army.

Today there are two types of sewing machines, home and industrial. Home sewing machines are designed for one person to sew individual items. Industrial sewing machines are larger, faster, and they vary in size and task.

Home machines are widely used today by people for their personal use, alterations, and creating and designing clothing for other people. There are women in my family that have used this great invention, past and present. My goal now is to also learn how to use this great invention.

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**Anywhere in the World**

*By Bernard M.*

I would love to travel to Puerto Rico. It would be nice to experience their rich culture, great food, good music, and warm weather. They also have beautiful beaches and landscapes.
THE ROAD TRIP TO OHIO
By Reginald G.

I took a long road trip to Ohio. I went to an amusement park in Ohio. I rode on the ride at the park. I spent the night in the hotel building.

I visited my family at the park today. We all saw a lot of animals at the park. We saw birds at the park. We saw owls at the park. We all saw bears at the park. We all saw elephants at the park. We all saw monkeys at the park.

We all went to the beach together and we all spent the night in the hotel building for 7 days. We built the sand castles at the beach. We all got our feet wet at the beach. We all ate dinner at the restaurant at the beach. We all went home from the beach together.

Ivan The Gorilla
By A READ Center Student

Last year we read a book on a gorilla. His name was Ivan. He was in a zoo. He was a silverback gorilla. The name of the book was The One and Only Ivan. He lives in a humane habitat called the big top mall. Ivan has many friends. Stella is an elephant. Bob is a dog. Ivan said he was lucky his domain has three windowed walls so he can see the whole mall.

My Most Concern
By David

I always try to be a very skilled driver. I like to be more courtesy in my driving. I try to follow all the rules for concern of the drivers. I give everybody respect.
Starting your own Daycare Business  
*By Fatima*

I would like to have my own business when I retire. Because I like to help, I want daycare to babysit in my home. My own company will help me stay healthy and care for the young ladies’ children. I don’t want to sit around at home and be lazy when I retire. If you do not keep moving, you will be stiff and die.

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Dating  
*By Antonio*

Let me tell you about the person that I am dating:

1. She loves going places to have fun. For example, she likes cruises, movies, and going to church.
2. She likes to cook. I love her fried chicken, string beans, and potato salad.
3. She also likes cleaning and folding my clothes neatly.

Finally, she is my best friend.

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Being Happy  
*By Mr. Harris*

Having money to pay bills makes me happy because it is less stressful. Next, God in my life also makes me happy. He forgave me of my sin. Finally, going fish will make me happy. For example, the best place to fish is at the pond on Route 301. I remember catching a fish at the pond. As I pulled it out of the water, the snake was wrapped around the fish. These three things make me happy: money, God, and fishing.
Thank You
By Alice C.

Thank you, the READ CENTER, for helping me learn to read and write. Also, I love to read a lot to people that help us to learn to read. They do a good job. I thank God for them. I came to the right place to learn. You are not too old to learn. I can do it, so can you. I will not give up on class because I am doing well in school. I wanted to do this for a long time. Now I can do this. I thank God for giving me a second chance. I am so thankful. This is good for me. I have family and friends tell me I will not learn how to read but I am doing this for me. I can say thank you to the people that help me learn how to read. I am so blessed. I want to better myself because I am somebody. It is so nice to learn all the time. I am doing so well in this class. I will learn in this class. I enjoy it a lot. Janet is nice to us. She does a good job. I like working in her class. Thank you so much Janet. I will learn more in your class. I will do more to learn. I will do the work in your class. I love to learn. I enjoy you all the time. I love working with you. I am very happy to be in your class. You are so nice to us. I want to get my GED. I am working so hard to do this. My life is good because God is my life. He is so good to me.

Learn From READ Center
By Inaam

Today is February 17, 2022 at 12:50. We are in class. Thank you God. I hope everybody in the world is clear of COVID-19. I am Inaam and I am happy to go back to class. We thank READ Center for teaching literacy. We thank the teacher for teaching us and the tutors. Peace, love, salaam.

The READ Center is Helpful
By Anthony

The READ Center is helping me a lot. The READ Center always answers the phone with a good attitude, and they are always courteous.
Changing lives through adult literacy is The READ Center’s mission. We believe that everyone needs and deserves a literate life.