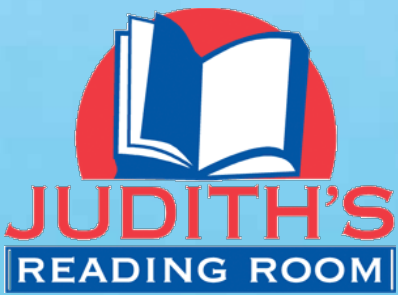
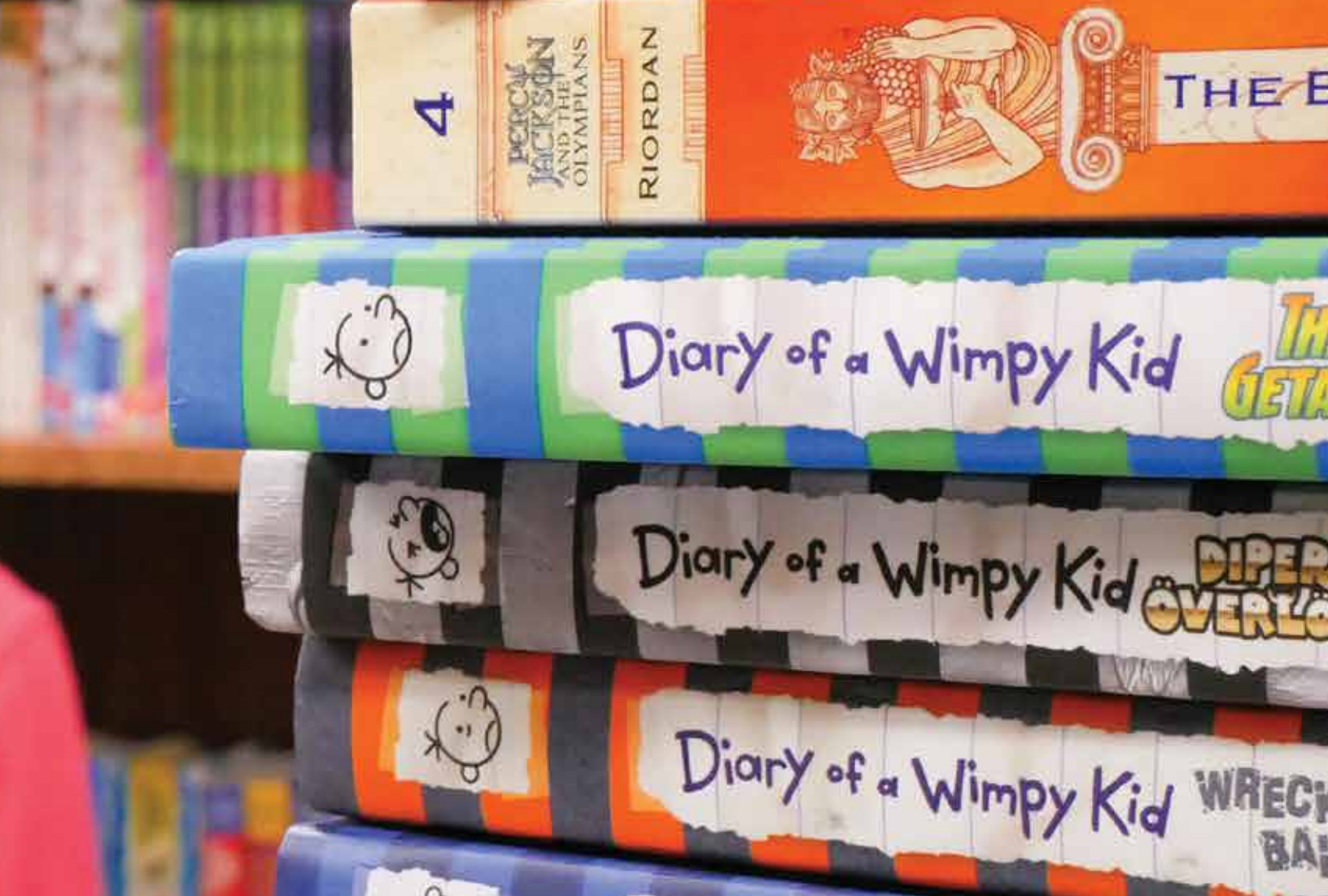


A New Chapter for our Kids



Our children love to learn even outside of the classroom! Kids are encouraged to read, write, play, and create across our campuses. Recreation is essential for a child's development, and the Recreation Department on our Ruston campus nurtures learning and creative expression. The heart of these two elements resides in a space our children love: The Library.





Limited access to technology on campus encourages the youth in our care to unplug and recharge by discovering new hobbies. Reading is both a literacy tool and a source of therapeutic enjoyment.

When a group of children visits the library on Ruston's campus, we witness the simple joys that books offer! Many kids have never been in a local library before arriving at our Home, and interaction with our Rec Library is a new, exciting experience for them. Visiting our library encourages a love for reading that will follow them back home, where they can continue developing their minds by diving into a good story.

Little hands run across hundreds of books, colorfully spread across the shelves of our library. Many children will pick one out and begin reading immediately! Others will carefully read the back cover of several books before making their final selection. Excited chatter and giddiness fill the room as kids recommend their favorite book series to a friend or start a conversation about a favorite character. The library offers our children a safe environment that inspires learning, listening, and life-long friendship. Reading becomes a recreational learning tool that they love to practice regularly. When our kids desire to read, they experience the built-in health of exercising literacy skills!





empowers young people like ours to develop critical skills by providing accessible literary resources, encouraging growth and development that will last a lifetime.

When president Cathy Leiber heard about the Louisiana Methodist Children’s Home, the establishment of a Judith’s Reading Room Library on our Ruston campus quickly fell into place!

“The compassionate work of LUMCFS to provide services to the most vulnerable boys and girls ages 11-17 caught our attention.”

Cathy Leiber
President, Judith’s Reading Room

Our Rec Department has been building a donation-based collection of books for our children for many years. Frequently, children will request new series or books. Other times, favorite books will be worn out from years of love or sent home with children returning to their families. In each of these situations, we look to our donors and supporters for help supplying new and beloved stories. Maintaining the library for our children is a community-wide effort!

We are honored to feature the 105th Judith’s Reading Room Library in our Rec Department. Our

Judith’s Reading Room (JRR) is a nonprofit organization impacting children, teens, and young adults across the globe since 2010. JRR works primarily with not-for-profit organizations and communities to enrich the development of reading and writing skills. Founded in memory of Judith F. Krug, former director of Intellectual Freedom for the American Library Association, the organization has established 105 libraries and contributed 132,000 books to 23 countries. Judith’s Reading Room





Logan Vickery, Recreational Activities Worker

Ruston campus library received 124 brand-new books directly from our kids' wishlists, a remarkable donation valued at \$1,449!

Youth in our care are each working through a healing journey unique to their circumstances. While their stories may differ, books are a way for them to connect with themselves and bond with each other!

“Children come to LUMCFS from all kinds of challenging situations, and while they are with us, we aim to provide the love and care that is

so needed. We are grateful to Judith’s Reading Room for supporting the healing journey of these children through reading.”

Sarah Head
LUMCFS Director of Development

Thanks to Judith’s Reading Room, our children are more equipped than ever to dive into a good book during their chapter here. The stories they read will surely inspire the ones they live upon leaving our care. For more information about Judith’s Reading Room, please visit www.judithsreadingroom.org.





Kappa Delta: Going the Distance for our Kids since 1948

For over 75 years, the women of Kappa Delta Sorority (Alpha Chi Chapter) at Louisiana Tech University have faithfully supported the Children's Home! Sisterhood unites these young women to stand with Louisiana's children by fundraising, volunteering, and advocating for children across the state! In addition, the organization consistently collaborates with our ministry and mission at Louisiana United Methodist Children and Family Services. Our kids are assuredly benefitting from Kappa Delta's commitment to care.

Kappa Delta involves their local community in child advocacy through their annual Shamrock 5k and Fun Run! The KD ladies devote countless hours coordinating this renowned city-wide event, uniting individuals to show support for children within the state and across the nation. Proceeds from Shamrock benefit LUMCFS and Prevent Child Abuse America.

Shamrock has evolved into more than a race; The fun doesn't end when participants reach the finish line! Vendor lane offers participants everything from post-run concessions to boutique clothes, hand-crafted jewelry, tasty food, or delicious coffee to enjoy. Whether you're ready to run the race or enjoy a snack on the sidelines, everyone can agree that nothing beats the feeling of our community joining together for such a worthy cause.

With Shamrock, KD has created an opportunity that benefits everyone involved! Running the race for our children's future isn't a sprint. But when we endure together, the outcome is incredible.

"Building and inspiring confidence in children is at the heart of Kappa Delta Sorority. We know Louisiana United Methodist Children and Family Services shares in this mission."

"The annual Shamrock 5k and Fun Run is an event our members, their families, and friends look forward to each year. The energy surrounding the race is palpable. With vendors, children's spaces, and photo opportunities, this event is one racers, and their guests will not forget!"

"Nothing brings our sisters together more than uniting under our common purpose of raising money for such a great cause. Each year, my sisters and I find ourselves falling more in love with all LUMCFS does for children across our state."

Sophie Edwards
Kappa Delta Vice President of Events and Programming

This year's Kappa Delta Shamrock 5k and Fun Run takes place on March 18th, 2023.

