

My name is Rachel Del Ciello and I attended elementary school at Ben Franklin and middle school at Hadley. I am currently a senior at Glenbard West and a Senior Girl Scout working on my Gold Award, which is the equivalent to the Boy Scout Eagle Scout Award. My project is called "READ: San Miguel School" and it is a book drive that will benefit the library of the San Miguel School (6th-8th grade), a school for underprivileged children, in the Back of the Yards neighborhood of Chicago. The kids typically enter 6th grade with reading levels as low as 2.0 and the school focuses on helping the kids become better and more confident readers. Any and all new or gently-used donated books will be accepted, including books on tape or CD, which the school is trying to incorporate into their reading classes to aid the students. Below is a "wish list" of books that I have put together with the helps of students and faculty members of the school.

- Redwall Series (Brian Jacques)
- Princess Diaries Series (Meg Cabot)
- Percy Jackson Series (Rick Riordan)
- Hunger Games Series (Suzanne Collins)
- Angelina Ballerina Series (Katherine Holabird)
- Dear Dumb Diary Series (Jim Benton)
- Alex Rider Adventure Series (Anthony Horowitz)
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series (Jeff Kinney)
- A Series of Unfortunate Events (Lemony Snicket)
- Alice Series (Phyllis Reynolds Naylor)
- Dark Anglen Trilogy (Meredith Ann Pierce)
- Sarah Dessen books
- Meg Cabot books
- Nicholas Sparks books
- Action books
- Scary books

Drop-off boxes are located in all of the four District 41 elementary schools and on my front porch, 772 Fairview Ave across from Newton Park in Glen Ellyn. If you have any questions or would like more information about my project please contact me at (630)-858-4958 or redelciello@gmail.com.