

LWVIL Convention and SCARCE



SCARCE stands for School and Community Assistance For Recycling and Composting Education. This very active organization celebrates its 25th Anniversary this year serving DuPage County and the entire region. Many DuPage LWV members have worked with SCARCE and two active members are currently on their Board of Directors.

We are delighted for this opportunity to work with SCARCE to provide some needed donations, and SCARCE Executive Director and Founder - Kay McKeen - is looking forward to sharing the many projects that can be replicated in communities all over Illinois under the leadership of our Leagues. Please consider bringing a bankers box of books and old crayons with you for collection. They will be used as described below. Thank you for your generosity.

SCARCE Book Rescue: Our goal is to "rescue" books and school supplies from the landfill, and get them to children in need. Our shelves display over **25,000 books**. Schools or non-profit organizations are welcome to choose books free of charge (although donations are always welcomed.)

Many of the books come from schools that replace their books, so most of the textbooks are in "classroom quantities" -- the books are rescued from one school and provided for another school. There are also "library books" donated by schools, libraries, and the general public. If you have gently used books, please consider donating them.

SCARCE accepts:

- Textbooks, Encyclopedias, dictionaries
- Novels, paperbacks, children's, non-fiction
- Big Books, books on tape
- National Geographic magazine is the **ONLY** magazine we accept!

Why Recycle Crayons?

- We can reuse the oil from the crayons.
- We can help kids with special needs.
- From pieces of broken crayons, we make "Super Crayons."

Using a crock pot, volunteers peel, sort, and melt the crayon pieces. Then, they pour the liquid crayon mixture into molds to form large crayons which can be used by children with special needs.

For more information on SCARCE, please check out their website: <http://scarcecoed.org/>