



The Starfish Assignment

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Books & Badges Agreement

We are looking forward to working with you and having you join our family of law enforcement agencies. We will provide you with a supply of books that have been fully vetted by our team to best suit these experiences. You'll receive books for kindergarten through fifth graders. In return, we ask:

- ***That you include stickers in the books that say they're a gift from their friends at your department.*** We can add your badge to our established design template or you are welcome to make your own designs with our logos. You can print the stickers in-house or pay for a printer of your choice.
- ***That you open up Books & Badges to your patrol officers.*** These one-hour long programs were originally designed for patrol officers. We wanted to give them a mental break from the road and help them connect with the community and the children they police. We know not all officers love to do this type of activity, but please extend to them the opportunity.
- ***That only sworn law enforcement officers read.*** This helps us keep the program pure. (Even our founder, who had the idea for this program, has never read.) You're welcome to have guests come in and teach kids things like fire safety or appropriate use of 911, though.
- ***That you post some of your readings on your social media platforms and tag Starfish Assignment.*** We know that you won't be able to post all of them, but this helps us in our mission to enhance the relationship between the police and the community, and it also helps us to continue receiving sponsorship dollars for Books & Badges. We don't receive any grants or other public dollars for this program; it's all made possible because people believe in what we're doing.

Tips For a Great Books & Badges Reading

- Pass out the books to each child **before** you start reading. (They'll pay attention so well!)
- The kids will often be so excited to see you that they'll ask you questions as soon as you walk in. Tell the class you'll answer questions at the end, after you finish reading.
- After the reading, but before you start answering questions, go over the equipment on your duty belt/vest. Many of the questions will be about those items, and they love to learn about all of them.
- Ask the children if they want you to autograph their books before you leave. Believe us—**they love it!**



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