January: WLR visits the Library in Every Neighborhood volunteers in their libraries for the second time. We have noticed the children’s increasing love for reading and the volunteer’s increasing enthusiasm in reading to kids!

January: Rana Dajani chosen as one of twenty influential women in the field of science in the Islamic world


February: WLR held a closing ceremony for the project Library in Every Neighborhood on the 6th of February in the Royal Cultural Center in Amman and was attended by over 150 people.

The volunteers had the opportunity to talk about their experience as storytellers or about the social projects that they initiated to serve their communities. The celebration was held under the patronage of the Minister of Culture and attended by the US ambassador in Amman.

March: WLR and many book lovers all over Jordan and the Arab world have celebrated the World Read Aloud Day on the 5th of March, by reading aloud to children, holding book club discussions and starting to read new books!
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March: WLR now in Gaza! Our friend Nadia has sent us the following message. Thank you Nadia, we wish you all the best! Nadia says, “My name is Nadia Madhoun from Gaza, Palestine. I held today my first read aloud session for children in Beit Lahia area, where several children gathered and I read a story. The children were overjoyed and expressed their will to attend every session!”

March: Radio Irbid (95.4) has hosted Dr. Rana Dajani (founder and director or WLR), Aidah, Hanan and Kholoud (volunteers with WLR for over two years) where the discussion was moderated by Dr. OMarch Jaradat. The girls talked about their reading in an orphanage in Irbid, and Dr. Rana talked about WLR and about Dr.Lana Mamkegh’s (Jordanian minister of culture) support for cultural initiatives in Jordan. To listen to the show, please click on the link http://www.4shared.com/mp3/fNF9eIkDce/__1-3-2014.html

March: WLR has signed an agreement with LitWorld International to train 20 women in Za’atari refugee camp on the art of reading aloud to children and how to open libraries in the camp.

March: Rana Dajani gave a talk on the 16th of March, 2014 to 8th grade students at Um Summaq school in Marj Hammam. She talked about women scientists and reading.

Rana Dajani chosen as one of the 100 influential Arab people over the past 10 years http://arabic.arabianbusiness.com/special-reports/357720/
March: WLR has been chosen by the Columbia Pangea Advisors (the pro bono advisory group of the International Development Club (IDC) at Columbia Business School (CBS)). They will be helping We Love Reading with its three year strategic plan. The team members bring an array of skills to the project including consulting, strategy, finance, and operations. They will be visiting Jordan at the end of March. Welcome to Jordan Kiley, Rob, Magda and Octavio! Note: Each semester, Pangea Advisors pairs groups of 3 MBA students with organizations that are working to improve lives across the developing world. They are dedicated to adding value through high impact consulting projects that address the most pressing challenges their clients face. (www.pangeaadvisors.org)

March: Zaina Neimi, WLR’s volunteer from Irbid, is reading in Za’atrai camp as a small personal gift to the beneficiaries of the project she is working on!

March: AlJazeera TV have filmed one of our libraries and interviewed Dr.Rana where she talked about WLR. To watch the video, please visit the following link http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNRWU2n7AM

University of Wollongong has chosen We Love Reading to participate in a study titled “How can the scalability of start-up firms engaged in social entrepreneurship be increased?” where they have interviewed Dr. Rana Dajani about the initiative.