Coast Guard reads to Head Start children in Saint Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands

Chief Warrant Officer Brian M. Hennessy, Coastguardsman Resident Inspection Office Saint Croix, reads to children at the Community Methodist Head Start facility in Saint Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands Feb. 21, 2014. The read-in activity was part of the island’s Department of Human Services Head Start Program Black History Month celebrations. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Coast Guard Auxiliarist Robert A. Fabich)
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SAINT CROIX, U.S. Virgin Islands – Coast Guardsmen from Resident Inspection Office Saint Croix participated in the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Human Services Head Start Program Read-In Activity at the Community Methodist Head Start in Saint Croix Friday.

The read-in activity, which began Feb. 10 and is scheduled to end Feb. 28, is part of Black History Month celebrations in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

“We invited the Coast Guard to expose our Head Start children to outstanding male role models, who have and continue to make significant contributions to the community, by having them read to the children in their classrooms,” said Nedarrey Knight, Head Start Program Parent Involvement coordinator.

Chief Warrant Officer Brian M. Hennessy, stationed at Resident Inspection Office Saint Croix, explained that in total Coast Guard personnel read stories to nearly 200 children between the ages of four and five, including children from the Frederiksted, Williams Delight, and Prince Street Head Start facilities which they visited Feb. 11.
“It is deeply gratifying and humbling to have the privilege of being a positive role model for the youth of the community,” said Petty Officer 2nd Class Daniel Jarrett.

Knight said the children were very motivated and excited to see and spend time with the Coast Guardsmen as they listened with interest to the stories being read to them. The children also had the opportunity to ask questions and learn about the service the Coast Guard provides to the community.

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