

## Celebrate Gold

## Allison Cox Kansas City, MO





## From a Storage Room to a Calming Church Library

Allison Cox was a Girl Scout for 13 years as a member of Troop 162 in Service Unit 606. She is currently attending Maple Woods Community College studying Animal Science.

Allison saw an opportunity to revitalize a storage room into a welcoming community space by building a small library at her church, Bethel Baptist Church. The church already had several boxes of books that were not being utilized, as well as a storage closet that Allison was able to renovate as a library.

She transformed the space with paint, bookshelves, furniture before categorizing the books, creating a check-out system and organizing them digitally. In addition to creating the space in her community, she made a global impact by donating more than 180 books to Africa.

Her library will continue to be a great community space for years to come. Church members can freely check out the books and be inspired by the thousands of stories now available for checkout!

"Because of Girl Scouts... I wouldn't have had all the fun and exciting trips. I wouldn't have gotten involved in my community and volunteered as much as I did. I wouldn't have met all the people I did."