

## American Students in the Library

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And the children like to learn words in a new language, but this time it isn't French, it's English. That's right, a group of 5 sociology students from Seattle, Washington, USA: Maria Clara, Rebeca, Flor, Emanuel, Alexandre and their professor Davi spent the mornings and afternoons of July 22 and 23 playing, teaching, learning, and being entertained with the children of the Caranguejo Tabaiars Library. Davi already had been here with other groups of student; for them it must be a completely new experience.

The group of Americans asked the children to draw objects and then they would write the names in English and they were very amused with the pronunciation of their names and of the other words that, little by little, the Americans were teaching to the little ones, because for them it was all new.

Another success was the music '*Vem que eu vou te ensinar*' known to the children as sung by Xuxa, but here in the Library was sung in English by the students and attempted by the children:

*"You put your right hand in, you put your right hand back, you put your right hand in and you shake it all about. You do the hokey-pokey and you turn yourself around. That's what it's all about."*

♪♫ *b Mão direita na frente, mão direita atrás, mão direita na frente e mexendo sem parar. Roda, roda e não saia do lugar, vem que eu vou te ensinar. Mão esquerda na frente, mão esquerda atrás, mão esquerda na frente e mexendo sem parar. Roda, roda e não saia do lugar, vem que eu vou te ensinar.* ♪♫



They painted, colored, painted and the play never stopped. It's certain that they must have been worn out by the children's energy during those two days. The little ones didn't let them stop for a single moment. Carol showed the



colored pencils to Rebecca and with some difficulty and lots of help she began learning the colors in Portuguese. It was very entertaining and the children felt so at ease with the group that it seemed like they already had been here a month. Unfortunately, it ended, but it was worth being a part of this beautiful experience.



Here in the Library, they already partied and during the next two days (July 24 and 25) it will be their chance to spend some time with the Club of the Elderly to get to know a little better the Caranguejo Tabaiaras community.



The children with the students and the professor imitating the animals from the game that they were playing before the picture was taken.

