

BOOKS ARE WINGS



ANNUAL REPORT



2023

OUR MISSION:

Putting free books in the hands of children.

OUR VISION:

We believe the power of literacy transforms the lives of children, their families and communities for the better.

Books Are Wings (BAW) seeks to provide every child with regular access to books. BAW works to engage students in their classrooms, at school functions, community events, and playgrounds. We believe that offering books to children in different environments instills a consistent message that reading is not just school work - it's a way of life!

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A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In 2023, we reached 21,063 young readers through our programs. As many of you may know, 61% of children from under-resourced households have no books at all in their homes. Books Are Wings addresses this by building the home libraries of children in Rhode Island communities. I'm so proud to be a part of an organization that provides a vital service for young people. Together, we can transform the lives of children and their families for the better through the power of literacy.

I am looking forward to seeing all that we can accomplish together in the coming year!



SINCERELY,

Jennifer Smith

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOOKS ARE WINGS

Books Are Wings By The Numbers 2023



10 Books Spots Maintained

From parks, to schools, to community gathering places, we stocked and maintained these free-standing little free libraries with high quality books that are reflective of the communities we serve.

56 Schools Served

From Tale Mail programming at early childhood centers to school programs like Books All Year at elementary schools, we partnered with schools across RI to get books into the hands of kids.

57,005 Total Books Distributed

Through all of our programming and partnerships, we delivered thousands of books into communities across RI. Kids who might not have books at home, now have access.

87,552 Books Donated

Our community's generosity kept our programs running and our shelves stocked. Through book drives, donations through our wishlist and more, they showed up for us!

109 Community Programs

When we can meet families where they are, we remove barriers to getting books into the hands of young readers. Through school events, summer learning programs and more we ensured that books were readily available for families.



WHO WE SERVE IN

RHODE ISLAND



Books Are Wings primarily serves children and families in Rhode Island's four core cities through our school programs: Central Falls, Pawtucket, Providence and Woonsocket.*

IN CENTRAL FALLS, WE SERVED 612 CHILDREN 0-12:

- 95.3% of students are economically disadvantaged
- 46.8% are multilingual learners
- 7.7% achieved proficiency in English Language Arts

IN PAWTUCKET, WE SERVED 2,513 CHILDREN 0-12:

- 56.6% of students are economically disadvantaged
- 18.4% are multilingual learners
- 18% achieved ELA proficiency

IN PROVIDENCE, WE SERVED 6,717 CHILDREN 0-12:

- 81.7% of students are economically disadvantaged
- 36.3% are multilingual learners
- 16.6% achieved proficiency in English Language Arts

IN WOONSOCKET, WE SERVED 304 CHILDREN 0-12:

- 72.8% of students are economically disadvantaged
- 15.1% are multilingual learners
- 12.4% achieved proficiency in English Language Arts

REFERENCES:

*Data sourced from RIDE Report Card (<https://reportcard.ride.ri.gov/202223/StateProfile>)

BAW data (youth served) represents calendar year 2023

WHO WE SERVE IN RHODE ISLAND



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IN OTHER RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITIES WE SERVED 1,045 CHILDREN 0-12:

- 46.1% are economically disadvantaged
- 12.5% are multilingual learners
- 35.1% achieved proficiency in English Language Arts

Who we reach through community partnerships and events:

WE ALSO SERVED 9,872 CHILDREN ACROSS RHODE ISLAND:

- 46.1% are economically disadvantaged
- 12.5% are multilingual learners
- 35.1% achieved proficiency in English Language Arts

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Assets	Total \$
Cash	\$69,211
Grants Receivable	-
Pledges Receivable	-
Prepaid Expenses	-
Inventory	\$19,585
Property and Equipment (Net of related accumulated depreciation)	\$15,749
Total Assets	\$106,160

The financial statements of Books Are Wings are compiled by Golden, Gormly & Company Ltd. A copy of the complete financial statements can be found on our website at www.booksarewings.org

Net Assets	Total \$
Without Donor Restrictions	\$84,199
With Donor Restrictions	\$21,961
Total Net Assets	\$106,160
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$106,160



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