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# BOOKS ON BREAK

## 2023 Final Report

**14,208 Students**

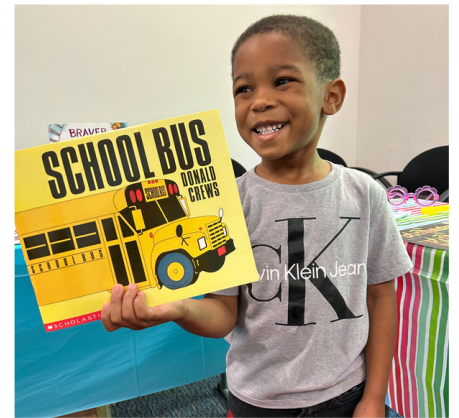
harvested books to take home and keep forever

**70,389 Children's Books**

are now filling home libraries

**35 Schools**

in four counties participated



Book Harvest's 2023 Books on Break program provided 14,208 students with 70,389 books in 35 public elementary schools and childcare centers. Books on Break ran from May 4 through May 22, reaching every student in 30 Durham Public Schools, along with schools and Pre-K sites in Columbus, Bladen, and Guilford Counties.

Students selected brand new books from a wide array of diverse and high-interest titles in both English and Spanish. Books on Break is a joyful, exciting way to help students build their home libraries and equip students with high-interest books to help them practice reading all summer long.

# Books on Break 2023 Impact

The following information was collected from 55 surveys completed by teachers, media coordinators, and school personnel.

- 100%** of teachers report that the students expressed excitement about reading the books selected
- 100%** of teachers report that their students are better equipped to maintain reading skills over the summer
- 100%** would recommend Books on Break to other teachers and schools
- 100%** of teachers report that the program supports their school's literacy goals for their students
- 100%** of teachers report that the books received for Books on Break were high-quality, high-interest, and culturally relevant for their students

*The Books on Break program is crucial to helping us prevent the summer slide. Students are excited to select high-interest, diverse & informational books that will encourage them to keep reading throughout the summer. -Teacher*

*If you read books, you'll be better at math and every subject!  
- Student*

*Thank you Book Harvest! You have good books, the books you guys bring are some really good books.  
- DPS Student*

*Some of our students do not have access or transportation to go to the county libraries and are not in a print rich environment at home. Book Harvest gives my students the opportunity to start their libraries at home or add to them.  
- Teacher*

*It was awesome to see how excited the students were to share their books with their parents.  
- Teacher*

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## ABOUT BOOK HARVEST

Book Harvest is internationally recognized for its work to transform children's literacy. Since 2011, Book Harvest has provided more than two million books to families in North Carolina, ensuring that parents have the tools and power to ignite and strengthen their children's literacy. With programs that are grounded in evidence, Book Harvest believes that literacy starts at birth, at home, with parents, and with books.



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