



BOOK HARVEST SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

2026 Final Report

3,500+ Attendees

filled Durham Central Park!

15,363 Children's Books

were chosen by kids to take home and keep forever!

40+ Community Partners

offered entertainment, resources, and fun!

93 Volunteers

donated their time, talent, and energy!



Book Harvest's annual Summer Block Party filled Durham Central Park on Saturday, July 18, 2026, from 3 to 6 p.m. The free, outdoor event was a joyful celebration of books, summer, and community! The afternoon was action-packed, featuring fun-filled family activities and entertainment, and an abundance of free, culturally inclusive children's books for every child – from infants to high schoolers – to take home and keep forever!

The following community partners helped make the 2026 Book Harvest Summer Block Party a success:

Ama'Gee's Jamaican Food	Family Matters Durham
BB's Grill	Gift of Knowledge Academy
Breastfeed Durham	GoDurham
Bull City Robotics	H.E.A.R.T.S Organization
Bull City Woodshop	H2O 2 Go
Carolina Complete Health	Ignite Online Academy
Carolina Theatre of Durham	Kathi's Klowns
Child and Adolescent Anxiety and Mood Disorders Program (CHAAMP)	Lightbridge Academy Durham
Child Care Referral Central	Macaroni KID Durham
Digital Durham	Museum of Life and Science
Duke Child Studies	North Carolina Down Syndrome Alliance
Duke Pediatric Primary Care	Note In the Pocket
Duke Pediatrics Infant Safe Sleep	Pizza Is Life
Durham Democrats Help Hub	Poetry Fox
Durham Fire Department	Pretty Ice Company
Durham Nativity School	Radio One
Durham Parks and Recreation	Rootle PBS KIDS
Durham Partnership for Children	RYSE Assessment Center
Durham PreK	Samaritan Health Center
Durham Public Schools Dual Language Program	SEEDS Inc.
Emerge Pediatric Therapy	Student U
Emily K Center	THRIVE Family Health & Education Center
	Triangle Day School
	Weaver Street Market
	You Can Vote

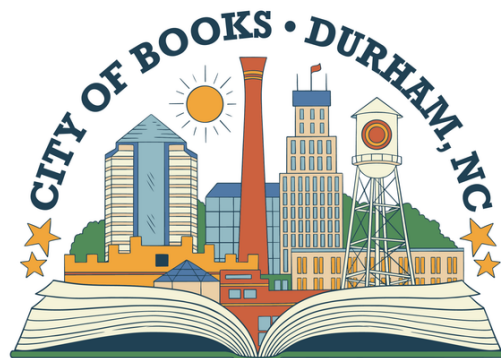
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Thank you Book Harvest for such an amazing event! We had so much fun, and it was wonderful to see so many children and families surrounded by books. Thank you for making reading so accessible to the community!

-Parent and Community Member

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Books for Every Child. Support for Every Parent.
Literacy for Every Community.

ABOUT BOOK HARVEST

Book Harvest is on a mission to provide books for every child, support for every parent, and literacy for every community. Since 2011, Book Harvest has provided more than three million books to families and is now a national leader in the movement for universal book ownership. With programs grounded in evidence, Book Harvest believes that literacy starts at birth, in the home, powered by parents, and nourished with books. Learn more at bookharvest.org.



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