



BOOK HARVEST IS FOUNDED!

Working out of founder Ginger Young's garage, an army of volunteers makes it possible for children to harvest 36,594 books in our first year.

2011

Photo of a young boy holding a book titled "Hairy Maclary's Bone" and a group of babies with books.

2012

Books on Break launches, supporting summer learning with a bounty of books for students.

First MLK Day Dream Drive at Flyleaf Books.

2013

Book Babies launches, with in-home literacy coaching and book provision for parents and their newborns.

Book Harvest Authors' Circle is established.

2014

Photo of a woman reading to a baby.

2015

Our first external evaluation, with Duke University's Center for Child and Family Policy, begins.

Book Harvest Parent Advisory Teams are formed.

We launch our **Mirrors, Windows, and Sliding Glass Doors** initiative, celebrating diverse and inclusive books.

Donations exceed **\$1 million.**

A child harvests our **500,000th book!**

2016

Community partnerships flourish with 84 organizations, helping us reach 25,948 children.

We begin offering Pre-K/K transition coaching to our Book Babies families.

2017

The first Book Babies graduation ceremony celebrates the 29 children of the Class of 2018 who receive their diplomas - ready for kindergarten!

A young reader harvests our **1,000,000th book!**

Book Babies expands to a second North Carolina location (Forsyth County).

2018

Books on Break expands to all 30 Durham elementary schools.

A Randomized Control Trial evaluation of Book Babies begins with HighScope Educational Research Foundation.

We launch programming in laundromats with books and story times!

We present our work at two national conferences: Zero to Three and the National Summer Learning Association.

2019

Photo of a man reading to a baby.

2020

We expand our space to 10,000 SF with a Rapid Response Center to keep books flowing despite the challenges of COVID.

We establish the staff-led Harvesting Equity Project to chart our path to becoming a more anti-racist organization.

We receive the 2020 Library of Congress Best Practices Literacy Award.

We end the decade with 1,663,738 books harvested by children and families.

OUR NEXT DECADE

Photo of children reading books.