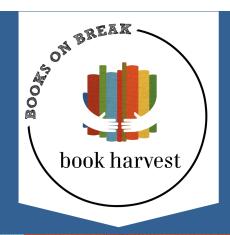
BOOKS ON BOOK 2025 Final Report



17,740 Elementary School Students

harvested books to take home and keep forever

177,400 Brand New Children's Books

are now filling home libraries

51 North Carolina Counties

held Books on Break through schools and summer programs







Book Harvest's Books on Break program partners with school districts and organizations to enable PreK and elementary school students to select ten brand-new books to take home and keep forever, right before or during summer break.

Books on Break 2025 reached 10,420 elementary school students in 30 schools across eight North Carolina counties with 104,200 new books. In addition, 7,320 students in summer programs across 47 N.C. counties self-selected 73,200 new books.

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Books on Break 2025 Impact

Surveys were collected from 296 caregivers—and the results speak volumes:

99%

felt that the summer program supported their child's learning thanks in part to the Books on Break experience.

of parents said the new books motivated their child to read over 92% of parents sa the summer.

92% believed their child's reading skills improved during the break.

80%

observed that their child read more often than during previous summers.

Both my children were excited to get home and flip through each book and show me what they were about. They lined them up as to start their own library. Very heart warming. -Parent`

Oh my gosh! This is the book I was just telling my mom I wanted! -Student

I'm just surprised he is reading. He doesn't like to read. - Parent

We are extremely grateful to partner with Book Harvest for our students to receive literacy support, especially over the summer. I look forward to the great work that is to come for our students and teachers in this partnership.-Media Coordinator

My grandchild jumped in the car very excited saying , "Look at the new books I have!" Later that night we together went through the books reading the titles and doing a picture walk to determine which book he was going to read first.

- Grandparent

The 2025 Books on Break program was done in partnership with:

Anna Reilly and Matthew Cullinan

Barker and Cavett French

Barnes Family Foundation

Bladen County Schools

Buncombe County Schools

Burke County Public Schools

Carolina Community Academy

Durham Public Schools

Duke Community Affairs

Duke Energy Foundation

Ginger Young and Jonathan Wiener

Granville County Public Schools

Haywood County Schools

Holly Brown

IES Avanti Foundation

Kenan Charitable Trust

Lexington City Schools

National Center for Families Learning

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Person County Schools

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ABOUT BOOK HARVEST

Book Harvest works to realize a world of literacy and justice for all—a world in which every child grows up with an abundant home library from birth and with a love of books, reading, and learning, and every parent feels supported, celebrated, and affirmed in their role as their child's first teacher. Since 2011, children have harvested more than 2.8 million books to build their home libraries, ensuring that parents have the tools and power to ignite and strengthen their children's literacy. With programs grounded in evidence, Book Harvest believes that literacy starts at birth, in the home, powered by parents, and nourished with books.

