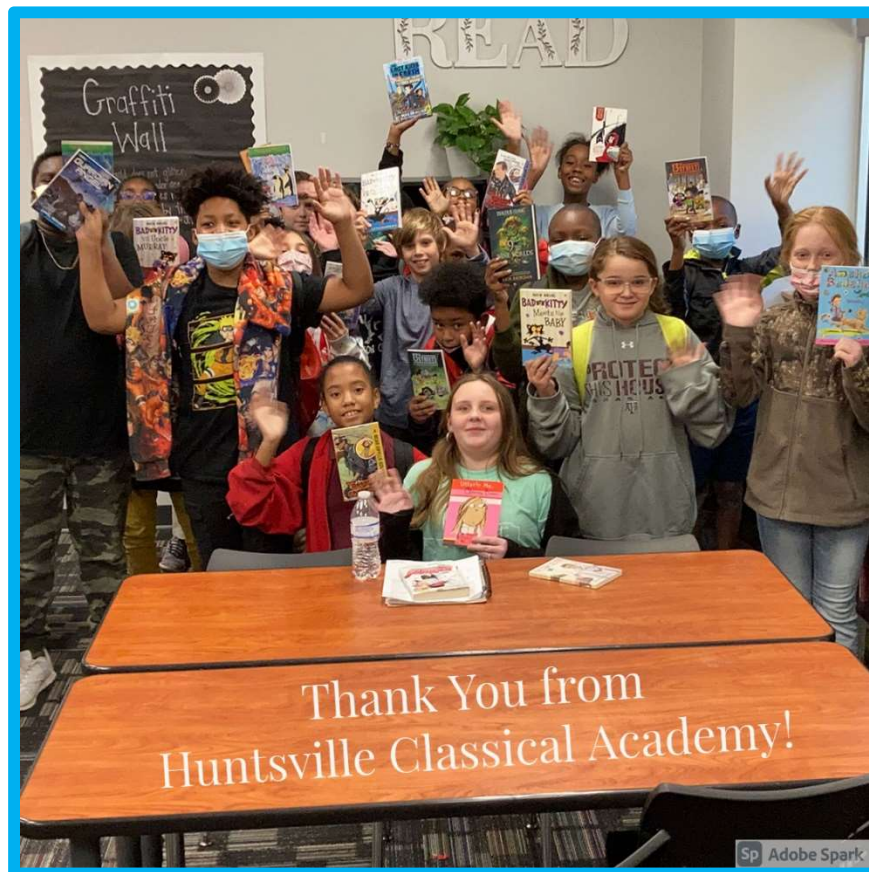




## Our Shelves to Yours Impact Report 2021-2022



*“We appreciate more than words your donation and helping us provide books for the students to read”.*

*- Brandy Roberson, PTO President, Huntsville Elementary School, Huntsville, Texas*

Kids Need to Read is not an organization that stops at stop signs nor do we pine after all we cannot do. Instead, we at KNTR look at all we can achieve, we look at how we can be a part of the solution. We tailor our programs to fit the needs of the children we can serve. Growth and flexibility are our habits. Kids Need to Read is always on the lookout to see how more can be done. It is because of this attitude we will continue to grow; more and more books will fly, “From Our Shelves to Yours”.

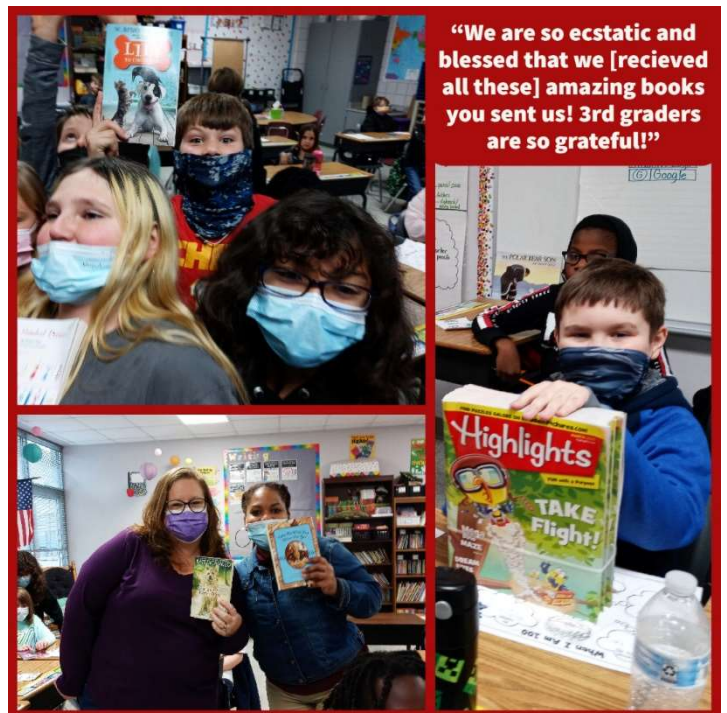
The past years of COVID-19 school and library closures have had a few surprising and positive outcomes. Not only do we enjoy strong relationships with unlikely organizations, there is now a greater recognition of Kids Need to Read and its mission amongst the types of schools and agencies that we traditionally serve all across the country.

This quote serves as a good summation of the feelings expressed by those receiving literary assistance from Kids Need to Read:

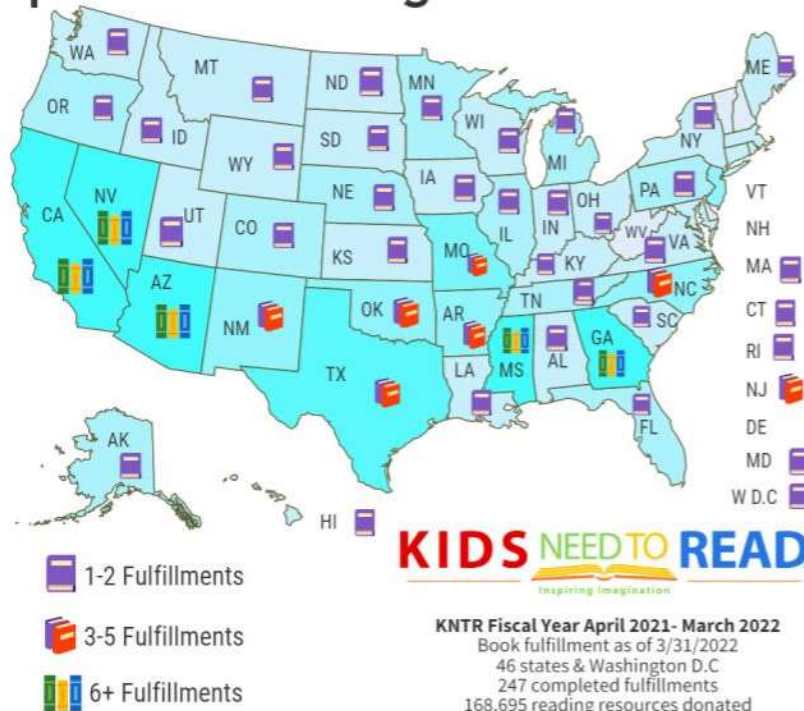
*“Once the books arrived, I had to remind my students to remain calm, so I could open the boxes and share with everyone. They couldn't wait to see what books they could pick out to read. These books have helped me to grow my classroom library, so that generations can learn and grow in reading. I feel blessed to be chosen by the program.”* (Megan Wetzel, Fourth Grade Teacher, Mount Hope Elementary, Lansing, Michigan)

In the aftermath of world-wide upheaval, it is important to make sure that children have the critical access to books needed to keep their minds sharp and avoid educational backslide. Due to our generous donors Kids Need to Read sends books and other resources without ever charging recipients for shipping costs.

The demand for books and reading resources continues to be enormously high, especially in rural communities across the country. In the past year Kids Need to Read has made a concentrated effort to reach out to communities and schools that we have never served before. Our three programs have combined to bring as much literary coverage we can to places that have not seen new books in years. The excitement of the recipients, adults and children alike, inspires us daily.



## Book Fulfillment April 2021 through March 2022



*Note that this map represents the whole of Kids Need to Read's impact upon the US through all three programs; From Our Shelves to Yours, The Page Coach, and Grow Your Library*

### Major Funding Contributors

Kathy and Jerry Wood Foundation

### Major In-kind Contributors

Animal Welfare Institute  
 Arizona Renaissance Festival  
 Barnes & Noble Book Sellers Phoenix area  
 Barnes & Noble Surprise  
 Bookman's Entertainment Exchange Mesa  
 Highlights for Children  
 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt  
 PetSmart Charities/PetSmart Phoenix area

*“I was overwhelmed by the generosity of Kids Need to Read! They made it possible for my students to become exposed to so many different types of books and really develop a positive, lifelong relationship with reading!”*

-Abigail Attig, Teacher, Joshua Elementary School, Lancaster, California

## From Our Shelves to Yours Recipients

From Our Shelves to Yours is Kids Need to Read’s flagship program, providing literary treasure to disadvantaged children throughout the United States. It supports a diverse array of schools, libraries, community agencies, and literacy events in low socioeconomic communities by sending books and other reading resources to assist children with access to urgently needed books.

The program distributed reading resources to 15,227 children during the 2021–2022 fiscal year (April 1, 2021–March 31, 2022). The number of reading resources provided across the country was 19,348 books valued at \$123,522 during 2021–2022. The average poverty rate of clients served was 80%. A total of 66 book grants were provided through the program in 42 states and Washington D.C. According to surveyed recipients participating in the nationwide “From Our Shelves to Yours” program, reading interest increased by an average of 74% among participating children.

By teaming up with schools, libraries, and other agencies to provide thousands of books to children lacking adequate access to reading resources, Kids Need to Read encourages kids to discover the joy of reading and the power of a literate mind.

### **Alabama**

Woodville Public Library

### **Alaska**

Nome Elementary School  
Kenny Lake School

### **California**

Orangewood High School  
Joshua Elementary School  
Oliphant Elementary School  
San Gabriel Education Foundation  
Camarena Memorial Library

### **Colorado**

Sterling Correctional Facility East Library  
Sunrise Elementary School

### **Connecticut**

Branford Family Resources  
Businesses and Students in Collaboration

### **Florida**

Christmas Comes True INC  
Casselberry Elementary PTSA

### **Georgia**

Douglassville Islamic Women's Shelter and services  
Vila Rica High School  
Dukesway Academy  
Warren Road Elementary School



### **Hawaii**

Hau'ula Elementary School

### **Idaho**

Crimson Point Elementary

### **Illinois**

Chicago Tech Academy High School  
Mt Carmel Jr. High

**Indiana**

Sanders School

**Iowa**

Little Free Library

**Kansas**

Center for READING

**Kentucky**

Pikeville Area Family

YMCA

**Louisiana**

Isaac G Joseph Elementary

De Soto Parish Library

**Maine**

Hartland Public Library

**Maryland**

Lil library on Elmwood

**Massachusetts**

Frank M Silva Elementary

School

**Michigan**

Mount Hope Elementary

School

Covenant House Academy

**Minnesota**

St Paul Public School

Riverview Elementary

School

**Mississippi**

Earl Nash Elementary

Brooksville Public Library

Stone County Library

**Missouri**

Youth in Need

**Montana**

Fort Benton Elementary

School

**Nebraska**

Hastings Regional Center

Alliance Public School

**Nevada**

White Pine Middle School

David E Norman

Elementary

Equipo Academy

Ruby S Thomas

Elementary School,

**New Jersey**

Dwight Morrow High

School

Long Branch High School

Camden County Pop Up

Library

**New York**

Project Social Care Head

start

**North Carolina**

Cabarrus County

Education Foundation

Snake Rabbit and Snail

Book Mobile

Arapahoe Charter School

**North Dakota**

Roosevelt Elementary

School

**Ohio**

Stitched Together

**Oregon**

Hillsboro Online Academy

North Marion High School

**Pennsylvania**

Catholic Charities

Counseling and adoption

services

**Rhode Island**

Segue Institute for

Learning

**South Carolina**

Dreams with Open Arms

Colleton County Memorial

Library

**South Dakota**

Red Cloud Indian School

**Tennessee**

Byrns Darden Elementary

McNary County Schools

Unicoi County Public

Library

**Texas**

First 3 Years

Huntsville Classical

Academy PTO

**Utah**

Wallace Stegner Academy

**Virginia**

Community Housing

Partners

**Washington**

Rainer Valley Leadership

Academy

**Washington DC**

Turner Elementary School

**Wisconsin**

Davis Middle School

# Testimonials



**Books for Louisiana**

Sarah Frost, Librarian, Belmont Public Library, Belmont, New Hampshire  
***"Thank you so much for the thoughtful donation of seven boxes of teen and middle-grade books! This donation will help our summer reading book box program be a success! We are so grateful for organizations like Kids Need to Read. Keep up the good work."***

LaSean Tutt, CEO, Dreams with Open Arms, Calhoun Falls, South Carolina  
***"[Our] teachers ... made a big deal of book delivery to their classroom!"***

Shelby East, Teacher, Villa Rica High School, Villa Rica, Georgia  
***"Thank you for the support. You are very appreciated!"***

Abigail Attig, Teacher, Joshua Elementary School, Lancaster, California  
***"I was overwhelmed by the generosity of Kids Need to Read! They made it possible for my students to become exposed to so many different types of books and really develop a positive, lifelong relationship with reading! ... Thank you so much for the donation! I was overwhelmed by the generosity of books you were able to provide. My students will appreciate them so much!"***

Shameka Conner, Director, Macon Library, Macon Mississippi  
***"I am truly grateful for KNTR! My students will now have the opportunity to pick a book from our classroom library that interests them and makes them eager to read. Thank you so much for providing such a large selection of books for our first graders. We are forever grateful for your generosity!"***

Martha Hyder, Teacher, Warren Road Elementary School, Augusta, Georgia  
***"I am truly grateful for KNTR! My students will now have the opportunity to pick a book from our classroom library that interests them and makes them eager to read. Thank you so much for providing such a large selection of books for our first graders. We are forever grateful for your generosity! ... Thank you so very much for your extremely generous donation of books to our classroom library! I am incredibly grateful and was truly blown away by the number of books donated. My students are going to be so excited to see their classroom library on the first day of school!"***

Sarah Kate Elliott, Teacher, Turner Elementary School, Washington D.C.

***“My students loved receiving the book donations! They were so excited to see books that reflected their culture. Many of them showed an interest in reading for the first time. Thank you so much for serving my students!”***

Brandy Roberson, PTO President, Huntsville Elementary School, Huntsville, Texas

***“We appreciate more than words your donation and helping us provide books for the students to read...”***

Roxie Benjamin, Elementary Principal, Fort Benton Elementary, Fort Benton, Montana

***“Thank you so much for the books. We have had many students benefit from these books!”***

Lynda Walters, Federal Programs Director, McNairy County Schools, Selmer, Tennessee

***“A great program that allowed us to have give-away books at family events. The kids and parents were excited to receive them!”***

Nadine King, Founder, Christmas Come True, Bunnell, Florida

***“Thank you so very much for the generous donation of books. We just got a delivery of 3 wonderful boxes! Our children will be ‘over the moon’ happy on Christmas morning-enjoying the new books and learning at the same time!”***

Una Maher, Kindergarten Lead Teacher, Hillsboro Online Academy, Hillsboro, Oregon

***“Our students simply adore their reading buddies. Providing these along with books to read boosts not only their desire to read but also stocks the home libraries of our students. Research shows that children who own books are more likely to read these books and score higher in later reading assessments at school. You are helping our students to be luckier in literacy! We appreciate you!”***

Jennifer R Losinski, Teacher, Byrns Darden Elementary, Clarksville, Tennessee

***“This was such a great way to add to my classroom library! Students were excited to view and check out books to read at home!”***

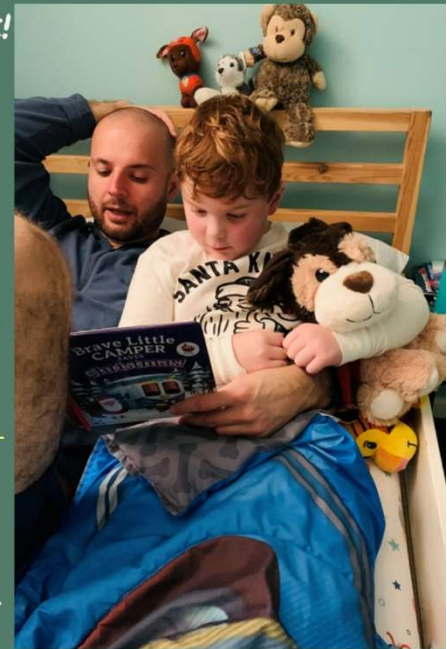
Leah Reisberg, Executive Assistant, Rainier Valley Leadership Academy school library, Seattle, Washington

***“We are so grateful to receive these books for our library. We have been building our library over the last year and donations like these really made it possible. Thank you!”***

### TRY THIS AT HOME!

- **Echo Reading**— You read a sentence and then the child reads the same sentence.
- **Choral Reading**— You both read together.
- **Partner Reading**— You read a sentence and the child reads the next sentence.

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Julie Wade, Chief Executive, Snake, Rabbit, and Snail Bookmobile, Greensboro, North Carolina

***“I requested more diverse and bilingual books and got so many! The bookmobile relies on donations from the community, and a majority of the books I receive have protagonists that only represent a fraction of the children I give books to. I prefer having more diverse books to offer kids, so the donation you sent was unbelievable. Thank you so much.”***

Kristie Lowry, Business Intelligence Analyst, Community Housing Partners, Christiansburg, Virginia

***“We received the books and Highlights magazines in January, and our summer reading program will kick off in May, so we haven’t distributed the books yet; however, receiving the books in advance allows us to plan ahead as we fundraise and seek out books for the program. When reviewing the books, we received, I was particularly pleased to see books by authors and with main characters who reflect the diversity of our residents. Since starting the CHP Reads! program, we’ve been intentional about curating books that will allow readers to see themselves in the books they receive, and the books from Kids Need to Read have fed perfectly into that.”***

Sarah Bickel, Teacher, Covenant House Academy Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, Michigan

***“We are so grateful for the beautiful collection of books! Every one of our students found at least one they were dying to read. We really appreciate your generosity and the care with which they were selected.”***

Jenny Willard, Counselor, Alliance High School, Alliance, Nebraska

***“We appreciate all of your help... We were able to really enhance our libraries!”***

Abby Vaught, Teacher, Mt. Carmel Junior High School, Mt. Carmel, Illinois

***“It was amazing to receive books from you. We LOVED it. The students were overwhelmed with joy. They could not believe someone would donate books to them, let alone brand-new series. We are all super grateful! ... Thank you for sending us so many books. The students and I were so surprised when we didn’t just get 1 box, but 3 boxes of books. We were overjoyed. Our ‘unboxing’ was so much fun. I let them come up and choose a book or two out and share with the class what they picked. One class did a ‘book tasting’ and was able to find new books to add to their ‘I want to read list.’”***

Anna Vo, Teacher, Wallace Stegner Academy, Salt Lake City, Utah

***“My kids loved some of the newer books, but ESPECIALLY the Highlights books! It let them be creative, think critically, read, all while having fun! It was challenging to read and yet was still fun and simple enough for them to understand -- bonus that it had photos and games!”***



