

UC Basketball Champions Literacy

Thank you to the University of Cincinnati for recently highlighting the importance of reading and book access through their men's and women's basketball programs!

In December, our mascot, Wiggles, had the opportunity to participate in Mascot Mania at a UC men's basketball game. Wiggles enjoyed spending the day with the UC Bearcat and other local mascot friends! Special thanks to Marc Brafman and the UC Athletic Department for the invitation to this special event.

Wiggles returned to campus for a fun night at a UC women's basketball game a few weeks later! The team graciously hosted a Literacy Awareness Night. Attendees received Queen City Book Bank t-shirts and books signed by our very own Wiggles. Special thanks to the University of Cincinnati College of Law for volunteering at the festivities that evening.

QCBB is incredibly grateful for this partnership with the University of Cincinnati Athletic Department. Thank you to both teams for sharing our mission with your fans and helping us to champion literacy!









The Gift of Reading

As the New Year begins, we are filled with gratitude for all the amazing book drives and donations throughout the holidays. Because of so many generous supporters, we are able to share books and resources with families and children to help spark a love of reading.

This month, we welcomed one very special 3rd grader who went above and beyond to help kids who may not have books at home. Jenner spent a day during his winter break shopping for others. He shared that he truly loves reading and was inspired to share that gift with others. While visiting our partners at Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Jenner carefully selected over 300 new books for children in our community!





Thanks to our visitors & volunteer groups this month...







Kushman, Ostberg & Wolter Families



Ohio Imagination Library



M4 Knick

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

January is a special month at QCBB! Two years ago, we started a Day of Service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year's event was full of wonderful volunteer groups and individuals who helped make the day truly meaningful. We had stations set up across the building working on a variety of projects. From stickering, to labeling, organizing and shelving books, the teams were busy all day!

Groups included: Friends of Brayden Otten with the <u>Brave Like Me Foundation</u>, Wyoming High School, <u>Oak Hills High School</u>, <u>Amazon.com</u> employees, and special QCBB friends including the Goulds, the Diaz and Beltran Families, and Annita and Ady Wilson! Thank you to all those who gave their time to volunteer and improve our community. We could not accomplish all we do without your tremendous efforts!

"There is nothing greater than doing something for others!" -Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.











