# QUEEN CITY BOOK BANK 2022 – 2023 IMPACT REPORT

Four decades ago, a dedicated group of people came together to create a coalition that supported adults who needed basic reading help. Over the years our programs and outreach expanded to assist children and enhance book access, but one thing that has remained constant is...

### The most powerful lever for change is people!









1,355 QCBB Kids

160,000+ Books Distributed

182 Little Free Libraries



1,101 1,000+ New Tutors Book Bank Volunteers

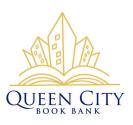
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# PROGRAM OVERVIEW & PARTNERSHIPS

In addition to providing our legacy programs, this past school year was the first full year for our new QCBB Curated Book Distribution program. Through this program, a signature book is selected at the beginning of each school year that sets the tone for the year ahead. This year it was "Someone Builds the Dream" by Lisa Wheeler and illustrated by Loren Long, award-winning author, illustrator, and QCBB Board Member!

Just as the children in our program learned the important lesson of the many types of work and people who build our world, we are reminded of the many special people with different talents who have come together to make OUR work possible! Thank you to those special "someones" who continue to help us "Build the Dream" of connecting children to critical literacy programs and outreach.





















# **CURATED BOOK DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM**

The QCBB curated book distribution program provides students with 10 free, new books per year to build each child's personal home library. Our unique program offers a website for educators to select books based on each child's reading level, interests, and background.

The 2022-23 school year was the first full year of the program which expanded to include 2nd grade and five additional schools. We will continue to strategically grow this program by adding a grade and additional schools each year. Our goal is to continue to scale this program to serve the 35,000 kindergarten through 6th grade students in the Greater Cincinnati MSA who have little or no access to literacy resources.

This year, we also hosted a contest with the children in our program to name our beloved mascot. We would like to proudly introduce Wiggles!



	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 Projections
Grades Served	K – 1st	K – 2nd	K - 3rd
# of Schools	4	9	12
#of Classes	16	62	144
# of Students	371	1,355	2,592
Books Distributed	1,113	13,550	25,920
Signature Book	Change Sings	Someone Builds The Dream	Why Not You?

### **QCBB GROWTH AND EXPANSION**

### **PROGRAM FEEDBACK**

- As a teacher, I am grateful my students have high quality books to build libraries for students at home, especially with titles that represent our students.
- They love seeing books that are written in the language they speak and represent them.
- Providing equity for students who may not have or be able to afford books at home by giving them the opportunity to have access to books to read at home.
- My daughter goes on a new adventure with each book, it's really cool!
- My daughter is learning bigger words and asking more questions.
- My son's reading has improved and he practices reading more often now.
- My students were thrilled each time that I announced our books were in! They loved sharing these books with their families and enjoyed being able to "shop" for their books with me.



#### Note: Full Report for Curated Book Distribution Program Available Upon Request



Data from 2022 - 2023 QCBB parent & teacher surveys

## THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS

#### **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**



Letter Campaign	\$223,936
Events	\$285,086
Grants	\$406,000
Memorials & Honorariums	\$1,215
Stock/Dividend Income	\$9,159
PPP/ERC Contribution	\$63,842
Total Income	\$989,238

#### **EXPENSES**

INCOME

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Program Expenses	\$501,515
Administrative Expenses	\$278,497
Fundraising Expenses	\$71,431
Investment Expenses	\$518 <b>\$851,961</b>
Total Expenses	
NET INCOME	\$137,277
ASSETS	
Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$342,466
Restricted Fund Balance	\$134,439
Securities	\$212,493
Total Assets	\$689,398

#### **OUR GENEROUS FUNDERS**

William P. Anderson Foundation Cincinnati Children's Hospital Crosset Family Fund Charles H. Dater Foundation Dollar General Literacy Foundation The Richard L & Freda K Flerlage Foundation Gardner Family Foundation Greater Cincinnati Foundation Carol Ann & Ralph V. Haile Jr. Foundation The Donald C. and Laura M. Harrison Family Foundation The William Huenke Foundation Nordstrom Cares Papa Johns Foundation Proliteracy Scripps Howard Fund Sisters of Charity Ministry Foundation Elsa M. Heisel Sule Charitable Fund Louise Taft Semple Foundation Wohlgemuth Herschede Foundation

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