



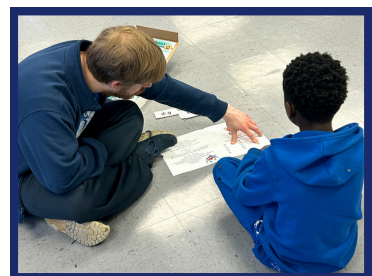
## “Share the Love” Campaign Gratitude



The **Busam Subaru of Cincinnati** team has done it again! They sure know how to advance our mission and “Share the Love”! For the past eight years, Busam Subaru has selected us as the hometown beneficiary of their annual Share the Love initiative! This year’s event raised \$23,230 – bringing the eight-year total to over \$212,000! Wow! Additionally, Busam Subaru proudly displays a QCBB little free library in their showroom and encourages customers, friends, and employees to donate to the cause. We greatly appreciate John Busam, Brian Maupin, Ray Hill, and the entire team from Busam Subaru for your exceptional support of Queen City Book Bank!

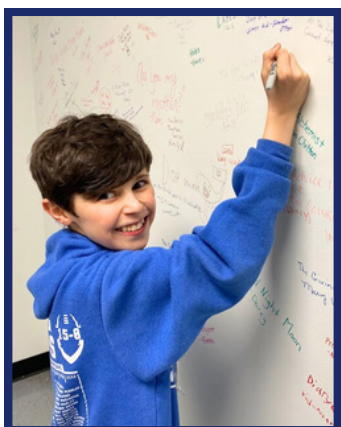
## Ned & Patrick Summer Reading Camp

QCBB was proud to host a 4-day foundational reading skills camp for kids led by Kim Kemen and Katie O’Brien, creators and authors of the **Ned & Patrick** series, designed for elementary readers. The series focuses on syllable types and spelling patterns, reinforcing the skills needed to become successful readers. The kids in the camp had a blast diving into these kits while also gaining confidence in their reading and writing skills. Thanks to Kim, Katie, and camp volunteers, Kitty, Michael, and our colleague, Katie, for kicking off summer with this impactful reading camp!





## JWC of Wyoming Honors Brayden's Books for a Second Year



At their annual awards ceremony, the **Joint Women's Collaborative (JWC) of Wyoming** presented \$39,000+ to 25 non-profits in our community. Queen City Book Bank was fortunate to receive funding, for the second year in a row, for Brayden's Books! This program honors Brayden Otten, who was a Wyoming student. In partnership with **Brave Like Me**, Brayden's Books is special collection of books that reinforce the unique characteristics Brayden possessed such as bravery, kindness, humor, tenacity, and the lasting power of friendship. This donation is especially meaningful because it reinforces how the Wyoming community continues to show up for one another and their surrounding communities. Please thank the JWC of Wyoming for their tireless efforts to support numerous worthy endeavors, including this special program honoring Brayden.

## Shelving Donation Supports Program Expansion

Each school year, our Curated Book Distribution Program expands to serve more K-3rd grade students. This past school year, the addition of 1,000+ students and thousands more books pushed our available shelving to capacity as we reached 3,258 students monthly. Fortunately, **Mandy Flynn**, Owner of **Collective Spaces**, came to our rescue! Mandy works with libraries, museums, and corporations to design and optimize their space. Mandy graciously coordinated a very special donation of free, high-quality shelving from the **Cleveland Public Library**! Thanks to Mandy for making this opportunity possible and to the forward-thinking team at the Cleveland Public Library for this generous donation!



## Thank You, Delivery Partners!

Thanks to our partners who delivered our curated program books to all our 2024-25 participating schools: **First Student, CPS Athletics, Bearcat Buddies and Anne McRea**.



## 2024-25 Progress Report

Our 2024-25 Curated Book Distribution Program progress report is **HERE**! Please take a moment to see how the program continues to grow and to read the amazing feedback from program participants.





## Brunch & Books: Celebrating Our Volunteers!

QCBB could not accomplish our mission without the exceptional efforts of our 2,500+ neighbors who volunteer as tutors, little free library stewards, board members, and book bank volunteers. We recently hosted two volunteer appreciation events (Brunch & Books) at the legendary **Mercantile Library** to thank our Tuesday and Thursday volunteers. These volunteers show up weekly (all year!) to pull, prepare, sort, shelve, and sticker books enabling us to move our mission forward and serve more children with each passing school year. The brunches were held in the recently dedicated Joseph Dumont Heyd Literacy Room at "The Merc." Joe and his wife, Diane, are avid supporters of The Mercantile Library (TML) and are also passionate about QCBB's mission. Special thanks to our amazing tour guides Hillary Copsey and Amy Hunter (with TML) for their hospitality and for sharing their tremendous knowledge about this beloved community treasure! It was mentioned throughout our tour that TML is "Better Together" which truly resonated with us. Thanks again to our dynamic volunteers for keeping our mission in motion and proving that we are "Better Together!"



SUMMER 2025

## Gently Used CHILDREN'S BOOK GIVEAWAY

JULY 15, 2025

9 a.m. to  
3 p.m.

Queen City Book Bank  
1200 Gest St.  
Cincinnati 45203



## Hats Off To Our Jr. Librarians!

QCBB is proud to have 246 Little Free Libraries (LFLs) throughout our community! This would not be possible without our LFL stewards, volunteers, and those who generously donate books to ensure that the libraries are stocked with high interest books! Recently, we had three pint-sized volunteers fill libraries that were low on books! Thanks to our junior volunteers, Ray, Adams, and Hayes for stocking LFLs in Price Hill, Addyston, Sayler Park, and Delhi.

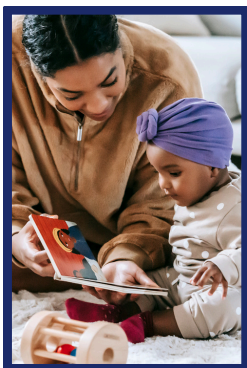




## 2026 Gala – Revised Date

Due to a conflict with the original date, we are moving the QCBB gala to the week before, Thursday, **February 19, 2026** – still at the Hard Rock Casino. Hope you can join us!

## Board Books Needed!



Board books are flying off our shelves this summer and we need your help to keep up with the demand! We are looking for new or gently used board books for infants through early elementary age. To donate books, email [Shymain@queencitybookbank.org](mailto:Shymain@queencitybookbank.org) or call 513-621-7323. Thank you for supporting our youngest readers!

## KHAC Exhibition & QCBB Book Drive • Through July 10th

The Kennedy Heights Arts Center (KHAC) is hosting an exhibition: *Independent Bookstores and the Art of Reading: Paintings & Drawings* by Lynn Niehaus. To promote literacy, they are also hosting a book drive for QCBB. This a great opportunity to drop off books closer to home for our Northern based supporters! For more information go to:

<https://kennedyarts.org/exhibitions/>

## Book Drive Corner

- Carol Lecher – In memory of Rick Lecher: 1,475 books
- Our Lady of Visitation Athletic Association: 175 books

## Thanks to our June Volunteers and Special Guests!



Rebecca Finke



Greater Cincinnati Foundation



Penny Harris – Hamilton Cty Juvenile Detention Center



High School Volunteer Day  
Anna Johnston & sons



High School Volunteer Day  
Ursuline Academy



Joseph-Beth Booksellers  
Hilary Mahadevan



Carol Lecher & Luke Lecher  
Rick Lecher Book Drive



M4 Knick



Gabe Martin



Metzcor



Tyler, Talon & Sydney with  
Priscilla (QCBB employee)



UpSpring Summer 360°  
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