

**21,468**  
books taken home last year!



Dear <<Short Salutation>>,

I imagine you are aware of the myriad challenges that Family Reading Partnership is facing. Despite the financial uncertainty, political climate, leasing struggles, and other trials, our services to local families continue to grow and adapt in awesome ways! Your support has brought books and literacy-rich play to thousands of children and their caregivers this year—at dozens of access points in Tompkins County.

In January, we surveyed 46 Nook visitors. We asked them for their honest, anonymous feedback about FRP programs. Their responses\* spoke to how effectively FRP's increased presence and accessibility has contributed to improved pre-literacy growth in our community's children. A couple of quotes that really stood out to us:

"The Nook is an essential place for us. We always feel welcome no matter who is working, and have met many families that we did not know from other experiences in town. It is such a reliable space to connect and play and feel good about the interactions I have with my kids."

"I am a family worker with TC family services, I bring several of my families who need supported parenting time to the nook. It tends to allow a judgement free play area. These parents are still learning, and this environment allows them to not feel judged while being coached."

"I love the books at the doctors office available through the program and the handouts are incredible!!"

"We really appreciate having FRP in our community committed to literacy and love the Nook location. We hope it is able to remain there!"

This report is a celebration of YOU: our generous donors, volunteers, partners, and cheerleaders. FRP would not still be here if not for your belief in the value of our children!

With my gratitude,

Amber Smith  
Executive Director

\*You can view the summary report from the survey on our website.

## How did families access their books?

### Bright Red Bookshelf

**13,869**

The Nook

**895**

Other

**749**

### Books to Grow On

**5,955**

## Bright Red Bookshelf

13,869

Free books for families to keep, placed by our amazing volunteers on 47 community bookshelves across Tompkins County.

Brand new books gifted to all children from their medical providers and teachers, from before birth through Kindergarten.

## Books to Grow On

5,955

Of these, **1,039** were given to children during their first days of kindergarten at every elementary school in the County!

## The Nook

895

Little hands picked out these stories to take home after playing at The Nook.

Beautiful new books distributed to families at 12 community events throughout the year.

## Other

749

## Our Program Partners

Advocacy Center  
Arthur Kuckes Childcare Center  
Attorneys for Children  
Autumn Orchard  
Babies First  
Ballet & Books  
Beverly J Martin Elementary  
Bright Horizons  
Buttermilk Falls Pediatrics  
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Cassavant Elementary  
Catholic Charities  
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Cayuga Family Medicine  
Cayuga Medical Center  
Cayuga Women's Health  
Cheryl Nemecek  
Child Development Council  
Coddington Road  
Childcare Center  
Cornell ASATT  
Cornell's Big Red Barn  
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Cornell TIPS  
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Workshop  
Criminal Justice Court  
CSMA  
Danby Community Park  
Association

Danby Federated Church  
Danby Food Pantry  
Downtown Ithaca Childcare  
Center  
Dryden Central Schools  
Dryden Family Medicine  
Dryden Food Pantry  
Dryden Head Start  
Dryden Village DPW/Rail Trail  
Task Force  
Enfield Elementary School  
Enfield Food Pantry  
Family & Children's Service  
Family Medicine Associates  
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Finger Lakes Library System  
Finger Lakes Toy Library  
The First National Bank of Groton  
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Public Library  
Gently Born Midwifery  
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Groton Family Practice  
Groton Food Pantry  
Groton Library  
Groton Old Home Days  
Groton Recreation Department

Guthrie Medical  
Hasbrouck Community Center  
Holistic Childbirth  
In His Hands  
Indian Creek Midwifery  
Ithaca City Court  
Ithaca City School District  
Ithaca Farmers Market  
Ithaca Free Clinic  
Ithaca YMCA  
Izzy Reads  
Jillian's Drawers & Mama Goose  
Karen Burke  
Lansing Central Schools  
Lansing Library  
The Learning Web  
Lil Angels Daycare  
Lil Lions Daycare  
Loaves & Fishes  
M&T Bank  
Newfield Elementary School  
Newfield Public Library  
No Mas Lagrimas/No More Tears  
Northeast Pediatrics &  
Adolescent Medicine  
NYS Department of Motor  
Vehicles  
OB-GYN Associates of Ithaca  
Overlook at West Hill Apartments  
Owl's Nest School  
Planned Parenthood of Greater

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Racker  
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Southside Community Center  
Southworth Library  
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Medicine  
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## Our Amazing Volunteers

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Sheila Payne  
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Joyce Rendano  
Laura Schoenle

Ann Staiger  
AnnMarie and  
Paul Streeter  
Suzie Taylor  
Kate Thomas  
Michelle Urri  
Lilly Westbrook

## Volunteer hours

1,266

If all of our volunteers  
were a single employee  
they would have earned

\$24,054

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# 11,293

Gently used books donated

Book donation value  
from individuals

\$12,573

+

Value from anonymous  
book donors

\$23,739

# = \$36,312

Value of books  
donated to the  
Bright Red Bookshelves

## Book Donors

Stephanie Andres  
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Cornell Brooks School of  
Public Policy  
Daisy Troop 40226  
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and Aerospace Engineering

## \$4,500

in grant funding purchased

## 1,917

brand new books!

# 561

Individual donations

# 12

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recurring donations

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## Books to Grow On Sponsors



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\$115,944**

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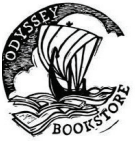
**Grants  
\$48,700**

**Gifts In-kind  
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**Earned Income  
\$1,189**

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