



Austin Community Impact Report 2021-23

Books Given Away to At-Risk Youth:	16,696 (includes library donations)
Total Number Children Served:	5,928 (includes foster care)
Foster Care Youth Served:	1,348
Donations to Title 1 School Libraries	3,226 books
Free Book Fairs at Title 1 Schools:	12 at 7 different schools
Free Book Fairs for Foster Care Youth:	17
Free Book Fairs for At-Risk Youth:	10
Volunteers/Volunteer Hours	34/462 (22-23 only)

Williamson County Impact

Partnered with 8 different non-profit organizations serving children in foster care in

Williamson & Travis County:

- Austin Angels - 3x
- Central Texas Table of Grace - 7x
- Fostering Hope - 2x
- Austin Sunshine Camps - 1x
- Presbyterian Home and Family Services - 1x
- STARRY - 1x
- Learning Bridge - 3x
- Partnerships for Children/Rainbow Room - 1x



Partnered with 3 additional non-profits to serve at-risk youth:

- Texas Baptist Children's Home - 8x
- Young Lives Round Rock (teen moms) - 1x
- Back-the-Pack event at Round Rock Church of Christ - 1x

National data from Scholastic Books:

- 91% of children like books they pick out themselves
- 65% of children prefer to read a print book over a digital book
- 50% of children want books that make them laugh; 40% to help them explore new worlds
- 55% of parents say a book has helped their child get through a difficult time
- 33% of teachers have time during the school day for independent reading
- 41% of children read for fun 1- 4 times per week; this number shrinks as children age

Reading just 20 minutes a day means a child is exposed to 1.8 million words per year and scores in the 90 percentile on standardized tests.

Facts from the Literacy Project:

- 3 out of 4 people on food assistance cannot read
- 3 out of 5 people incarcerated in American prisons cannot read
- Middle class families book to child ratio 13:1 - 13 books for every child
- Low-income families book to child ratio 1:300 - 1 book for every 300 children
- 61% of low-income families don't have a single children's book in their home