



The Lisa Libraries

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Suchitra

Greetings, Friends!

The holidays are about giving and receiving, and so is the work of The Lisa Libraries. All year long we receive generous donations of new children's books and all year long we in turn give these beautiful books to organizations and libraries serving needy children. Nearly every day our volunteers unpack cartons of picture books, books in Spanish, books about animals and nature, biographies, and novels at all reading levels. Sometimes we unpack several hundred books in a day. But our most memorable donation this year – and our favorite – consisted of just 16 titles and was accompanied by the following letter:

*Dear Lisa Libraries,
I am 8 years old and I'm going into third grade. For my eighth birthday I asked my friends for books so I can give them to people who don't have any. I enjoy reading and think other people will too. I'm donating books for kids of all ages and interests. I hope everybody will enjoy these books.*

From Suchitra

In 2017, thanks to Suchitra and our many donors, both new and longtime, we've been able to continue sending books to organizations across the country. And this fall we've been able to lend a hand to libraries that were damaged or destroyed by hurricanes. Through our friends at Publishers Weekly we received the following email in early September:

I am sure you have heard all the news about the flooding in the Houston area of late. The devastation far exceeds what you have seen on TV.

My granddaughter attends Kolter Elementary in Houston... which was one of the worst affected. The school lost EVERYTHING to the flood waters as did over 95% of the homes of Kolter students. ...The entire school library, books and shelves, are out on the curb.

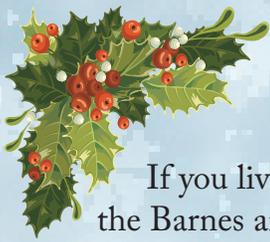
Another blow came later, when it was announced that the school would have to be torn down and that the students and staff would be moving to an outdated building needing massive renovation, including a new library

and books to fill the shelves. The Lisa Libraries stepped in and was able to help with a donation.

We were also able to help Red Elementary, a Houston school that did not suffer flooding, but needs to replace thousands of books lost when the roof sprung a leak during the heavy rainfall.

We are currently reaching out to libraries in the Florida Keys and other areas affected by storms.





Gift wrapping for a cause

If you live in the Kingston, NY, area, please stop by the Barnes and Noble on Ulster Avenue on **Wednesday, December 20th**. Each year at the holidays our friends at B & N offer local not-for-profit organizations the opportunity to provide gift-wrapping services to store customers in exchange for donations.

The staff of the Lisa Libraries will once again be there from 9am-3pm, paper and wrapping supplies at the ready.

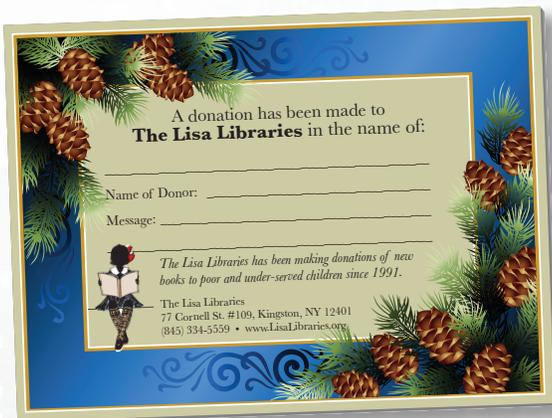
Come meet us, have your purchases festively packaged up, and a make a donation to childhood literacy.



As always, The Lisa Libraries needs donations of new children's titles. We have a special need for board books and books in Spanish. Financial contributions are needed as well. Visit our website at www.LisaLibraries.org

Got somebody hard to shop for on your holiday list? How about a Lisa Libraries donation card?

Each gift recipient will receive a personalized card:



And remember, if you're an online shopper, Amazon donates .5% of the price of eligible purchases to The Lisa Libraries. Here's how it works:

Go to Amazon Smile, log in with your regular Amazon information, and select "**The Lisa Novak Community Libraries**" as the recipient of your charitable donation.

Amazon will donate .5% of each of your purchases to The Lisa Libraries.

A donation has been made to
The Lisa Libraries in the name of:

Name of Donor: _____

Message: _____



The Lisa Libraries has been making donations of new books to poor and under-served children since 1991.

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