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Dear Friends,

There are many things I love about the days I work at the Lisa Libraries, but one of my favorite parts of the job is unpacking boxes of books from our donors. Every time we open a box we add to our shelves: biographies of inspiring women; lavish, colorful books about animals and outer space; books of all kinds by favorite authors, old and new.

This year we've had more requests than ever, and by mid October had already given away over 20,000 books. Lately the size of the requests seems to be growing. We're currently in touch with organizations in Puerto Rico, where the need for books is bottomless. And as the holidays approach, so does the demand for gifts for underserved children - requests

for more than 1,000 books for local organizations alone.

We are endlessly appreciative of our support from authors, editors, reviewers, publishers, and agents. Books are our greatest need!

Many thanks, and happy holidays from all of us at the Lisa Libraries.

Thank you! We couldn't do our work without you -
Ann Martin
Jojo *Valerie*
Angela *a*
Heidi *even*

Welcome to the Lisa Libraries



Joyce Nicol, dedicated and longtime Lisa Libraries volunteer and our resident artist, contributed to our office facelift this fall in a unique way. After friends donated their time and energy with painting our space and building new shelving units, Joyce added the finishing touch - our logo on the door, the perfect way to welcome visitors to our office.

Donations:

Every year organizations we've never heard of reach out to the Lisa Libraries for book donations. Since January we've been able to provide books to over 90 different organizations serving disadvantaged children. Among them were Book 'em, LOL (Love of Learning), and Mr. Rif's Readers.

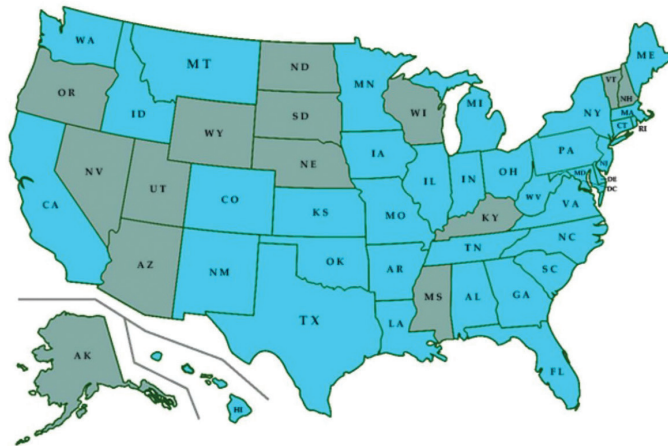
Mr. Rif

Popular schoolteacher Tom Haefner was better known as Mr. Rif (as in Reading Is Fundamental) in Sullivan, MO, where he taught for more than 30 years. In his memory Kathleen Boulay-Eaton, who had already founded an organization benefitting children entering the foster care system, started Mr. Rif's Readers. In this rural area of Missouri the median annual household income is under \$30,000 and many of the children qualify for free or reduced lunches. Kathleen wanted Mr. Rif's passion for connecting children with books to continue, and with a donation from the Lisa Libraries was able to provide a new book to each primary school student in May, with the hope that the book would spark an interest in summer reading.

LOL

Love of Learning is dedicated to "providing literacy opportunities for underserved children in the central Virginia area." Brand-new Lisa Libraries books went to LOL's Book Club Program, which sends a book each month to families assisted by social service organizations, encouraging parents and children to read together.

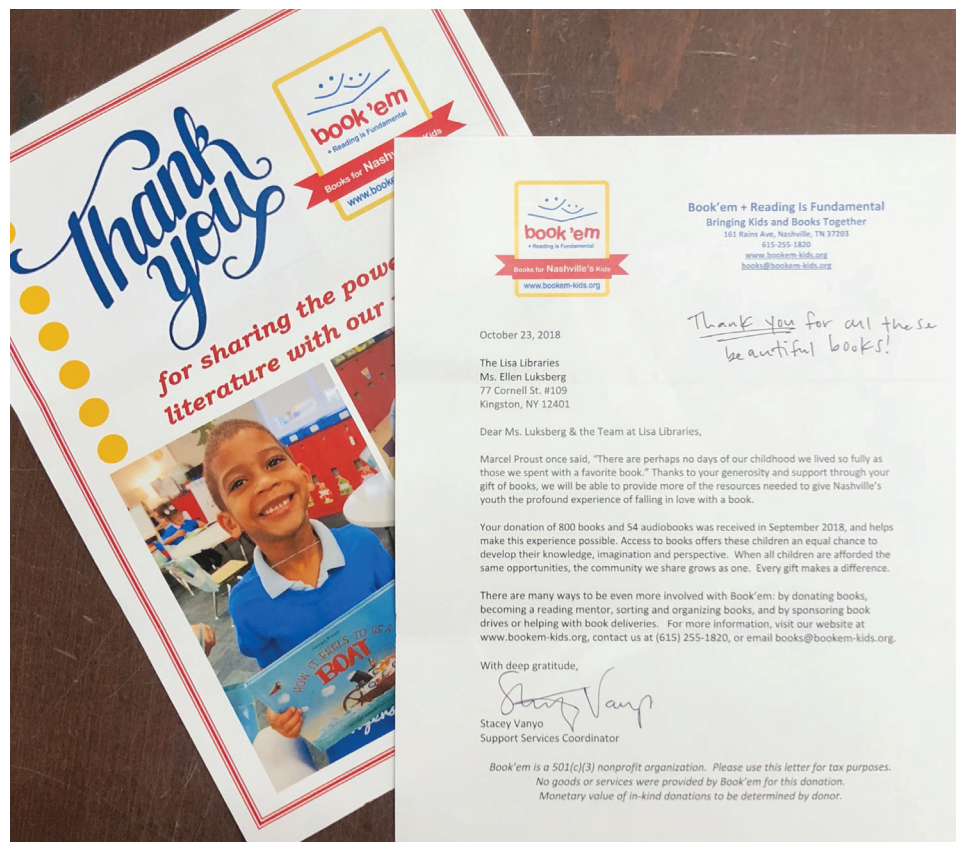
The Lisa Libraries has distributed books to every bright blue state below:



Books and Barbers

Located in Nashville, TN, Book 'em's mission is "to create a more literate Nashville by empowering economically disadvantaged children from birth through high school to discover the joy and value of reading through book ownership." Among the many

organizations that receive books to give to children are the Nashville Police Department, which leads summertime gang resistance workshops, and ten African-American and Latino barbershops that stock libraries for their youngest customers.



Field Trip

Days at the Lisa Libraries tend to fall into a familiar rhythm, but on the morning of September 26th, instead of unpacking books and putting together libraries, we hosted 19 middle-school students and four teachers from the Woodstock Day School. The teachers, who wish to instill a sense of activism in their pupils, were seeking to raise their consciousness about people in their community who don't have books of their own, or easy access to books. This past summer, the students read *Marley Dias Gets It Done* and *I Am Malala*, true stories about young activists working to further education and literacy.

The students crowded into our space, were given a tour of the shelves, learned how we operate, and asked questions about the organizations we serve, why we do what we do, and what challenges face us. Just before they left - off to have lunch and then visit the A. J. Williams-Myers African Roots Center in Kingston - one student turned to the Lisa Libraries staff and said, "You guys are like superheroes!" Thank you, Woodstock Day School students, for your thoughtful questions.



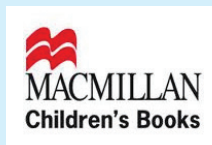
Live Oak Media: Where Great Children's Books Play Nicely

Last year our director, Ellen Luksberg, saw a company called Live Oak Media mentioned on Facebook and was intrigued. Live Oak, conveniently located in Pine Plains, NY, not far from the Lisa Libraries, produces approximately 20 readalong audiobooks of picture books and early readers each year. Ellen contacted Debra Skiver Cardillo, one half of the family-owned company, and not long after, Debra herself personally delivered several hundred brand-new glorious picture books to our offices. This year, 3000 more books arrived - copies of many titles, including one of my all-time



favorites, Caps For Sale. Live Oak - their motto is above - has become a wonderful and generous new friend of the Lisa Libraries. Thank you, Debra and company!

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