

2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

The mission of Friends of Literacy is to transform lives through literacy.

Our programs help adults, children, and families gain the skills they need to achieve their educational goals.



3,348

children and 2,012 families were served by our Family Literacy and Reading Mentors programs.

Number of families at 6 schools who received Literacy To Go packs:

1,192



3,984

books were distributed to children to help build home libraries.

Number of adult students who improved their literacy and education skills through our Adult Literacy and HiSET Prep programs:

145



57

volunteers donated their time to improve literacy in our community.

Thank you for supporting literacy!





Children, parents, adults, and educators across the area benefit from our programs. These are just a few of the kind words they have shared with us.

"The students (and teachers!) were so excited to get the Literacy To Go packs. They are perfect!"
- Community School Site Coordinator



"We love the activities that are related to the books! Reading becomes very engaging."
- Parent

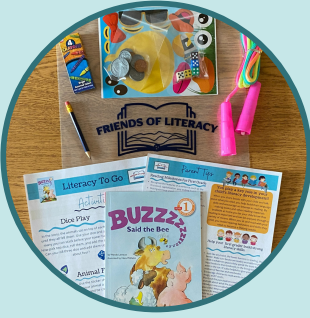
"The kids are excited about the program. When I show up, my student is excited to come read with me, and even other kids will come up and want to read with me, too." - FOL Volunteer

"Thank you, Friends of Literacy, for all of your books!" - Parent

"I am doing well with my reading and math, and I got a job."
- Adult Student



"Our Little Free Library has greatly increased access to literature outside of school and has sparked excitement for students and families."
- Community School Site Coordinator



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 encourage parental involvement in literacy, and ensure everyone reaches their
 full potential by providing literacy services for children, adults, and families.*