



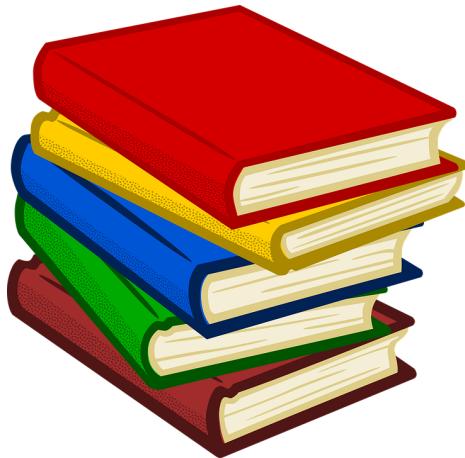
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NEWSLETTER

Books for Me ROCKS!

Books for Me! Literacy Foundation is proud and excited to share some amazing news: since our first program opened at Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House in the Fall of 2011, over SIXTY THREE THOUSAND books have been chosen by children from across the Vancouver area.

This success is thanks to strong volunteer support (from book sorting and delivery volunteers, to those who welcome the children and help them choose a book), the ongoing enthusiasm from our program partners, the wide variety of companies and groups who organize drives that bring us so many lovely books to share, and to our generous sponsors and donors.



Through book drives and private donations, our unique program collects new and gently-used children's books and then, at each location, attractively displays a wide variety of books for the children to choose to keep. These books stay with the children, to be taken home, loved, read and reread, building literacy and a love for reading.

We have programs in 14 locations now, including elementary schools, Neighbourhood Houses, a community centre, childcare centres and a clinic at B.C. Women's Hospital.

We are grateful to everyone who has helped us grow this successful program – together, we are making a difference in children's literacy in our communities.

#### WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

Thanks to generous donations and the support of our volunteers, we are thrilled to welcome our newest location -Grandview/Ɂuuqinak'uu Elementary School in East Vancouver. In the fall of 2018, we hope to add another two more schools to our program, depending on funding and the availability of volunteers.

#### NO RUBBER CHICKEN FUNDRAISERS!

If you dislike expensive, boring fundraising events, then Books for Me! has a great idea. You can sponsor a school for \$1,000 for the year. If you wish, you can have your name associated with a specific school, or your donation can be anonymous. Unlike attending a fundraising event, where you may only get a portion of the ticket price back as a tax receipt; with a sponsorship you will receive a tax receipt for the entire donation. You can pay by

monthly donation by clicking on our web site:  
[booksformevancouver.org](http://booksformevancouver.org).. Three of our locations, Tillicum, Admiral Seymour and Xpey' Elementary have already been sponsored by very generous donors, who wish to remain anonymous, but we have 11 more locations that need champions! Contact MaryAnn Cummings at [booksformevancouver@gmail.com](mailto:booksformevancouver@gmail.com), for more details.



Another way to help is by sponsoring an author presentation in one of our schools. Books for Me! has partnered with CWILL BC Society, a group of professional writers and illustrators of books for children, to provide presentations to children who would not necessarily have an opportunity to hear these local BC celebrities speak. Sponsorships start at \$250.00/presentation

#### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION – JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>

Books for Me! simply could not exist without the enthusiastic support of so many helping hands. To show our gratitude we will be hosting a brunch for our wonderful volunteers at the home of board director, Shar Levine on June 10th. Directors personally provide all the food and beverages for this event; no donated money is used.



#### GET INVOLVED

We are looking for new volunteers to assist with the following roles:

- delivering books to schools (must have a car),
- receiving and sorting books at our book storage locker located at 1818 Quebec St
- assisting children with book selections at one of our many locations.

It's not much of a time commitment, 2- 3 hours a month, so please ask your friends if they'd like to join a great group of volunteers. Please email us at [booksformevancouver@gmail.com](mailto:booksformevancouver@gmail.com).