



# The Lisa Libraries

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## Dear Friends,

It's a fact: Research has found that the ratio of books to children in low-income neighborhoods is one book for every 300 children, while in middle-income neighborhoods it's 13 books for every child.\*

This sad statistic is what motivates The Lisa Libraries to continue our task of putting new books into the hands of children in underserved communities. All year long, The Lisa Libraries donates books to organizations that work with needy and "at-risk" children. Among these are:

- prison visiting rooms where children can spend time with an incarcerated parent.
- Head Start programs for disadvantaged pre-K children across the country.
- food pantries.
- homeless shelters and transitional housing units.

When called upon, The Lisa Libraries also helps to re-stock bookshelves in underprivileged communities affected by disaster. We did so after the floods of Hurricane Irene in 2011 and we will be there for those suffering now after Hurricane Sandy.

The organizations and the populations served by The Lisa Libraries may be different, but they share one thing with us and with our supporters—a desire to ensure that every child, no matter what his economic status, has an adequate selection of new, quality books to read and enjoy.

**"School on Wheels will be able to provide many students impacted by homelessness with new books to build a personal library as well as stock the shelves in our shelter libraries thanks to The Lisa Libraries."**

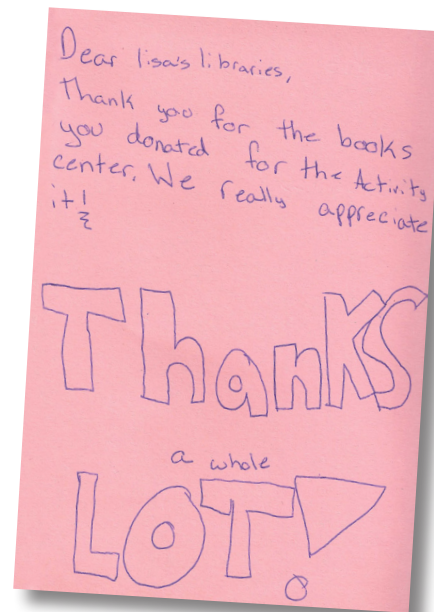


*Carol Opper, Director of School on Wheels, of Brockton, MA.  
SOW received a donation of 1500 books.*



Won't you please join the team of people who support this vital goal—including our amazing volunteers who donate their time week after week; our generous book donors; and the people, foundations and businesses that offer financial support for childhood literacy.

We thank you in advance for your generosity by sharing with you a note received from a child at the Framingham Housing Authority in Massachusetts, a community center in a low-income housing complex.



In 2012 The Lisa Libraries donated 26,500 books (a 14% increase over 2011) to 42 organizations (a 13% increase over 2011)—touching the lives of over 80,000 children.

Thank you for your partnership. Together we can celebrate the holiday season by inspiring eager minds.

*Happy holidays!*

Your friends at The Lisa Libraries

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