



The Lisa Libraries

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Elizabeth and her pug

Volunteer Corner

For the past year, Elizabeth Van Raalte and her little pug were faithful volunteers at The Lisa Libraries. Elizabeth was a valuable resource. She unpacked donated books, put together shipments of new libraries, and was our technology guru, doing her best to bring us into the 21st century.

Now Elizabeth has begun her freshman year at Emerson College in Boston. Emerson's gain is our loss.

Thank you, Elizabeth!



A Note from the Vice-President Elisa Geliebter

On September 16th, the Census Bureau reported that the percentage of Americans living below the poverty level in 2009 was the highest it had been in fifteen years—over 14.3%. The poverty level was defined as \$10,830 in pretax income for a single adult, and \$22,050 for a family of four. The rise was steepest for children, with one in five affected.



When we think of parents trying to make ends meet in these difficult times—to pay the mortgage, and provide necessities—we realize that books may become a luxury.

The Lisa Libraries strives to make sure that children have enough books

to read, in good times and in bad. We donate tens of thousands of new books each year to non-profit organizations providing services for young people in underprivileged areas and circumstances. Lisa Libraries books also help fill shelves in community centers and are given to needy children to take home and keep.

Now more than ever, the Lisa Libraries needs your support and contributions—and we value each one of our friends. Thank you, and have a happy autumn!

Elisa Geliebter



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Can you help?
We need . . .

- financial contributions.
- new books of all kinds for kids of all ages.
- volunteers!



Thank-You Notes

We would like to thank just a few of our many friends whose generosity keeps the Lisa Libraries growing:

* **Feiwel and Friends** publishers have donated nearly 400 books over the past few months, including board books, poetry books, and hardcover picture books.

* After we asked for donations of packaging tape, we were thrilled to receive a carton full of rolls and rolls of extra-strong tape from Pennsylvania company **Tapeworks** (tape-works.com).

* Author **Andrea Stryer** shipped 198 copies of her beautiful hardcover picture book *Kami and the Yaks*.



* **Debbie Jensen** helped us with all our unforeseen problems (and there were a lot of them!) setting up our new Facebook page. She was endlessly patient—we could not have done it without her.

* Since January we have received nearly 1000 books from **Disney Books**, including a collection of classic comics, young adult fiction and Spanish language books.

Recent Donations

Help Me Grow, a service agency located in the Appalachian area of Ohio, received a donation of 100 Lisa Libraries books for their center's library and for distribution to infants and toddlers during home visits with families.

We donated 207 books to **Coalition for Families**, which serves low-income families in Sanford, North Carolina. The books were used to fill the shelves in their center's library and also given away at their Reading Day Fair.

Hudson River Housing, providers of transitional and permanent housing for homeless and at-risk families, and **Group Foster Emergency Care**, both in Poughkeepsie, NY, received a total of 350 books. The books were primarily given to the children to keep for their own.

Read NOW! in New Jersey distributes books to disadvantaged preschoolers in day care centers and WIC (Women, Infants and Children) public clinics. They received a donation of 170 Lisa Libraries books.

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