



The Lisa Libraries

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A Note to our Friends

It's a fact: Children who have easy access to books get an early start along the pathway to literacy. Many children, though, live below the poverty line in under-served communities where school library budgets have been slashed, and public libraries stand empty.

That's where The Lisa Libraries comes in. We want to ensure that underprivileged children around the country have enough books to spark their imaginations. In collaboration with the national literacy program, Reach Out and Read, we donate books to medical clinics serving needy populations, such as Winthrop University Hospital in Mineola, NY, where a child visiting the pediatrician is sent home with a book to keep, and the parents go home with a prescription to read to their child every day.

Recently we shipped 100 books to a Los Angeles public school to supplement the worn and out-of-date titles in the classroom libraries. The school had exhausted its limited book budget, so dedicated teacher Ms. Morris-Shawn had spent hundreds



*A big smile for Lisa Libraries books donated to **Operation Exodus**, which provides academic support to under-served children in New York City.*

of dollars of her own money on new books before she connected with The Lisa Libraries. Her school is located in a rural area where a majority of families are field workers and 100% of the school's students qualify for free lunches.

It is the mission of The Lisa Libraries to donate new books to children in underprivileged communities, as well as children in homeless shelters and in foster care. We hope you'll join us in helping make books available to children who might otherwise not have adequate access to them.

Thank you to you, our childhood literacy partners.

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VOLUNTEERS - working either in our Kingston, NY, office or remotely. Please contact us for more information.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS - for all ages, and in all subjects. Our special areas of need right now are Spanish language or bi-lingual books, reference books, board books and picture books.



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Recent Donations

These are just a few of the non-profit organizations that have received books from The Lisa Libraries in the past few months:

Palladia, New York City:

480 books were sent to Palladia in Manhattan. Among their many programs are the support of two domestic violence shelters for women and their children, where as many as 80 children ranging from newborn through adolescence live at any one time. In addition, Palladia's permanent supportive housing buildings shelter approximately 300 formerly homeless children. Lisa Libraries books will be donated to after-school programs and used to help fill shelves in community rooms, as well as given to the children to keep.

HANDY (Helping Abused, Neglected, Disadvantaged Youth), Ft. Lauderdale, FL:

440 books were donated to this organization that works with children in the foster care system, as well as those living with relatives or non-relative caregivers, many of whom are elderly.

Thank-You Notes



Thank you to **Henry Holt and Company** for their 2010 holiday gift: a generous financial contribution, along with the promise of a copy of each of their 2011 children's

books as they're published this year. This gift keeps on giving!

In April The Lisa Libraries was notified that we were approved for an incredible donation of 25,000 books from Scholastic Book Club's **ClassroomsCare** program. **ClassroomsCare** has donated over 1 million books to organizations across the country working with children in need. This is the largest donation we have received to date.



Sistahs Reachin' Out, Detroit, Michigan

The majority of these young people live in homes with incomes at or below the federal poverty levels.

School on Wheels, Brockton, MA:

This non-profit, started in 2004, brings tutoring and support services for children impacted by homelessness in Massachusetts. 500 donated Lisa Libraries books will be used to help fill shelves in shelter lending libraries as well as given to children to keep.

Sistahs Reachin' Out, Detroit, MI:

A non-profit organization serving Detroit's Highland Park community, SRO works to promote in-home reading activities. The need for books is great in this neighborhood, the public library has been closed since 2002, and only one of the five area public schools has a working library. The Lisa Libraries donated 250 books to SRO.

Our deep gratitude goes to **ColorPage** in Kingston, NY, for supporting our mission by donating the production of our newsletter and other printed materials and offering unending creativity with their design!

Thank you to the many kind donors who sent in contributions to honor the memory of **Edith Matthews Martin**, who passed away in late December. Edith Martin was the mother of Lisa Libraries' president and founder Ann Martin.

And thank you to all our supporters who donate books, make financial contributions, and volunteer their time. You truly make the work we do possible.