



Book Babies
A book harvest program

BOOK BABIES

NEWSLETTER

FALL 2020

EDITION 9

EVENTS

COMMUNITY

Grab & Go: Halloween Edition!

Saturday, October 31st

11am – 5pm

2501 University Dr.

Come out for books, treats and Halloween cheer!

EAT NC

<https://www.eatnorthcarolina.org/>

Food delivery for interested families.

You can reach out to Linden at 301-461-7838 to register or for more information.

10th Annual Dream Big Celebration!

Monday, January 18th

12pm – 4pm

Durham Central Park

Festive and safe drive through event with book characters and much more.

BB EVENTS

Virtual Kindergarten Info Session

Friday, November 6th

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Virtual Book Babies Celebration

Saturday, December 5th

10 am – 12 pm

2020 Parent Survey

Each summer we ask Book Babies families to complete a survey with their feedback of the program. Here are the results of the 2020 parent surveys.

Thank you, families, for sharing your feedback with us!

103 currently enrolled and 17 recent graduated families completed the parent survey over the summer.

- *99% of Book Babies parents agree that the books provided by the program make their reading routines at home easier*
- *98% of Book Babies Parents agree that the Book Babies program supports them in including early literacy strategies at home.*
- *98% of Book Babies parents agree that the Book Babies program supports them in creating a daily reading routine at home.*
- *90% of Book Babies parents agree that their early language and literacy knowledge is impacted by the Book Babies program.*
- *94% of the graduating families agree that they like the Book Babies book selection.*

When families were asked what they liked most about Book Babies, they shared:

- *"We love the books!! Seeing my son answer my questions about what he is reading is truly magical at this young age."*
- *"The opportunity to be able to have someone there checking up on our family and making sure that our child is getting an early start with literacy."*
- *"We love that there is actually structured guidance for teaching our child to read and the basics foundations of literacy in addition to getting the tools (books) to do it with."*
- *"Culturally appropriate and bilingual books."*
- *"We love this program so much. We love the home visits starting from the newborn stage because I probably wouldn't think to buy new books as often at such a young age or know what age appropriate books to start with at each development stage in their life. I'm happy that we implemented reading books into our routines early on because now my baby/toddler loves reading books and looks forward to it every day."*

To hear this information from our YouTube, you can go to:

<https://youtu.be/DUx0RMniCP0>

Transition into PreK and Kindergarten with Wilma

Hi Book Babies families-

It's been a little over a year since I joined the Book Babies team as the full-time Early Childhood Services Navigator. Joining this community has been wonderful! I truly enjoy all the connections I've made with families and the Book Babies team throughout this last year.

This year I will continue to focus on supporting families as you transition into PreK and Kindergarten. In the fall, I will be checking in with 2021 Book Babies families about PreK and their upcoming Kindergarten choices and registration. An upcoming event I am looking forward to this Fall is our Kindergarten Info Session on Friday, Nov. 6th. This will be a virtual event starting at 5:30 pm and will be hosted by Mercedes McCurley, an interpreter at the Hillandale Multilingual Resource Center. We hope to see many familiar faces join us on our screens!

If you have questions about applying to Head Start or Durham PreK or would like more info about Kindergarten- please reach out! I am happy to help you find the answers you need.



With lots of excitement for the year ahead,

Wilma
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NEW Virtual Storytime

WHAT: Starting November 5th we will host a short Book Babies virtual story time. Join us and meet other Book Babies families!

WHO: All book babies and sibling are welcome?

WHEN: At 10am every Thursday

Where: Join us from the comfort of your home through Zoom

1st and 3rd Thursday of the month story time will be in English and the 2nd and 4th Thursday story time will be in Spanish. If there is a 5th Thursday in the month, we will have a Bilingual (Eng/Spn) story time. Text us at 919-907-0998 and we will text you the zoom link. We hope to 'see' you there!

How to stay connected with Book Babies

- Join our Facebook group! You can search 'Book Babies Durham' and request to join our Book Babies group. We share program, organization and community updates. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bookbabies>

- Do you receive our Book Babies text messages? If not, text us at 919-907-0998 with your name and the phone number you would like us to register to receive our messages. We use Remind and send out messages 2-3 times a week.

Do you have carpentry skills?
Would you be interested in making bookshelves for Book Babies families? Let us know by texting or calling us at 919-907-0998.