EVENTS

COMMUNITY

Grab and Go
April 24th & May 22nd
1-5pm
2501 University Drive

24/7 BH Bookshelves
Stop by our office anytime for more books!
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Workshop: Equity in Programs for Gifted Students
April 15th
5:30-7pm
Register here:
https://go.ncsu.edu/equity_workshop

Breastfeed Durham celebrates Minority Health Month April 2021
Month of April
https://tinyurl.com/3z4f7sfo

BB EVENTS

Book Babies Graduation
May 29th
A virtual event

Book Babies Storytime
Every Thursday
10am-10:30am
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89113870153?pwd=U3Z1ZUhSSVZZYTJpeDQ5N01rMzUvZz09

Graduation Volunteering Opportunity
May
Call/text us 919-907-0998

FAB Club Meeting
TBD

Book Babies Parents:
What some parents are up to!

Painting Bookshelves
Book Babies dad, Yamzir Ayala, started to help Book Babies last month by painting Book Babies bookshelves. He has his own painting company, and we are so lucky to get his help and thankful he can support our longtime volunteer, Miguel Rubiera! Huge THANK YOU to both Miguel and Yamzir for helping us with these adorable bookshelves!!

Planning Graduation
We have 47 Book Babies who are going to graduate in May from Book Babies and who will start kindergarten in May. Each year, we invite families from the graduating class to participate in planning their Book Babies graduation, and this year is no different! Families are planning a socially distanced graduation with the delivery of graduation boxes along with a virtual ceremony. Book Babies mom, Veronica de Leon Sagastume, is our lead decorator and has been working on these adorable graduation boxes!

Left: Picture of our last meeting in March
Right: Graduation box designed by Veronica

Yamzir working on bookshelves in his workshop
Publishing Books

Hello my fellow Book Harvest community. My name is Fifi Mutima. I am the mother to three beautiful girls Nyema, Aaliyah and Tiana. I recently released my very first book December 2020 titled First Time Around. First Time Around is a poem book that takes you through a personal journey on my relationship, marriage and divorce. I decided to go ahead and publish with the encouragement of family and friends along with the help of Swiner Publishing Company. My goal for my books is to help inspire my readers and let them know that chasing your dreams is never too late. My next project that I am working on is a children’s book dedicated to my girls and a second poem book. So be on the look out this summer! If you would like to know anything else that I am doing please feel free to follow my Facebook page @FirstTimeAround2020.

Attending Trainings

Each year, Book Babies partners with NC Cooperative Extension to offer families The Parent & Family Advocacy and Support Training (PFAST). PFAST is a fun training offered at no-cost to Durham County residents. The training explains how to navigate your child’s school. During the training we talk about different themes related to how to transform the educational experience for your child. This year’s sessions also included topics related to supporting your child’s education during virtual learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Read more at: https://durham.ces.ncsu.edu/parent-family-advocacy-support-training-faqs/.

Here are two reflections from two mom’s who participated this year in PFAST.

My name is Nichole and I really enjoyed the PFAST Classes. I learned oh so much that I never knew. Some things I learned was how to look up my kids school report card to see their tests scores and other important information about my kids school. Also, another thing was how to come ready for a teacher conference. Who to contact when having problems or any concerns if the teacher can't get the right information for you. I would recommend this class because it's really important. A lot of information that a lot of parents do not know. They don't know all the steps of certain things such as IEP. It helps you to get ready for anything that these school throw at you. I love coming to PFAST every Tuesday to see Mrs. Christa. She was amazing. Very understanding, easy to talk to without judging. Mrs. Christa took her time. She didn't rush through each lesson. I would definitely take any class with her again.

Nichole Anderson
2021 Book Babies Mom

During the PFAST class I learned multiple things that are helpful to and my child. Some of the information I already was aware of and on the other hand there was some information that I had no clue about. I would recommend the class to any parent that wants to help their children succeed in education and life the skills I taken from the class I will use through out my daily life and to advocate harder my daughter. A few of the important key points is the parents/child rights concerning school, standardized test issue by the state, and parent/teacher conferences. These are very important to research and be involved in because then the parent is a primary active listener, force of change as well as leader in all roles involving education for children. I really enjoyed my time spent with the host/teacher; she was very knowledgeable, passionate and entertaining to listen/learn from. The whole class is much needed for all parents as a extra resource.

Brandi Doston
2018 Book Babies Mom

Leading our new parent club

The FAB: Familias, Ambassadors, Book Club is a parent led initiative that began this year within our Book Babies program. Families in this club have come together wanting to: help other families, connect with other families and cultures within Book Babies/our community, share about BB with other families, support the community, continue to build the relationship between parent and their children, share the love of books, and share the importance of reading with others. If you are interested in joining the FAB Club, let us know!