

2021 Annual Report



Burst Into Books' mission is to rebuild our village through advocacy, the arts, educational and family programming. **We envision a world transformed by cultural literacy through education.**

Burst Into Books is a nonprofit organization committed to helping the youth deepen their love of reading by integrating the arts, providing opportunities for them to engage with those connected to the literacy field, and creating a space for them to express themselves. We are invested in supporting the whole family unit in order to establish long lasting change.



Program Overview

21

Events & Initiatives

conducted to develop cultural literacy in the community and help the youth deepen their love for reading by integrating the arts, providing opportunities for them to engage with literary experts and authors, providing a space for self-expression.

15

Community Partners

contributed to the success of our events and initiatives for the welfare of the community.

8000

Total Number of Books Distributed

to children and families. This is twice as much as 2020!

8

Communities Served

22

Guest Authors & Artists

gave their time to help children grow love for reading.

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Board Members

2020 Financials

\$ 73, 340

Annual Gross Revenue

\$ 68, 851

Annual Gross Expenses

Partnerships

- Far South Community Action Council
- 11th District Police Station
- Blue Door Neighborhood Center (Pullman)
- Moms of Beverly-Chicago, IL
- Southwest Chicago Diversity Collaborative - SCDC
- Beverly Area Planning Association
- Channel 7 News
- Bronzeville Community Action Council
- Chicago Literacy Alliance
- Butler College Prep
- King Academy for Social Justice
- Semicolon Bookstore
- St. James Community Church
- Rose Cafe
- Talented Tenth Social Services

Funders/Donors:

- Julian Grace Foundation
- Neighborhood Opportunity Fund
- Together Chicago Grant
- My Chi. My Future. Seed Grant
- Crowdfunding: \$10,000 for Academic Intensive
- The Field Foundation
- Whole Foods

Events & Initiatives

- Monthly book club sessions
- Over 50 guest authors to present at book club sessions
- Holiday Toy and Book Giveaway
- Virtual Family Paint and Sip
- Black History Family Celebration: Art Edition
- Virtual Community Town Hall Meetings
- The Front Row (Author Interviews)
- Juneteenth Family Celebration
- Author story times
- Book giveaways for classroom teachers and organizations
- Free hair braiding for Easter
- Free haircuts for Easter
- E-Learning Academic Support
- Book Donation for Markham School Library
- Virtual Bedtime Stories
- 11th District Domestic Violence Awareness Community Event
- Virtual Writing Workshops
- Academic Intensive Tutoring (6 weeks)
- St. James' Community Church (Virtual Bedtime Stories)
- Remixing the Narrative Podcast
- Community Grocery Giveaway

Guest Authors & Artists:

Carole Boston Weatherford
Jewell Parker Rhodes
Kwame Alexander
Jerry Craft
E.B. Lewis
Jamia Wilson
Sharee Miller
Susan Verde
Courtney Lovett
Jahkil Jackson
Janay Brown-Wood

Patrican Elam
April Harrison
Javon Johnson
Junauda Petrus
Natasha Tarpley
Jocelyn Isaac
Fracaswell Hyman
Lesa Cline-Ransome
Kristin Atkins
Claudia Walker
Jaleana Stevenson

Highlights

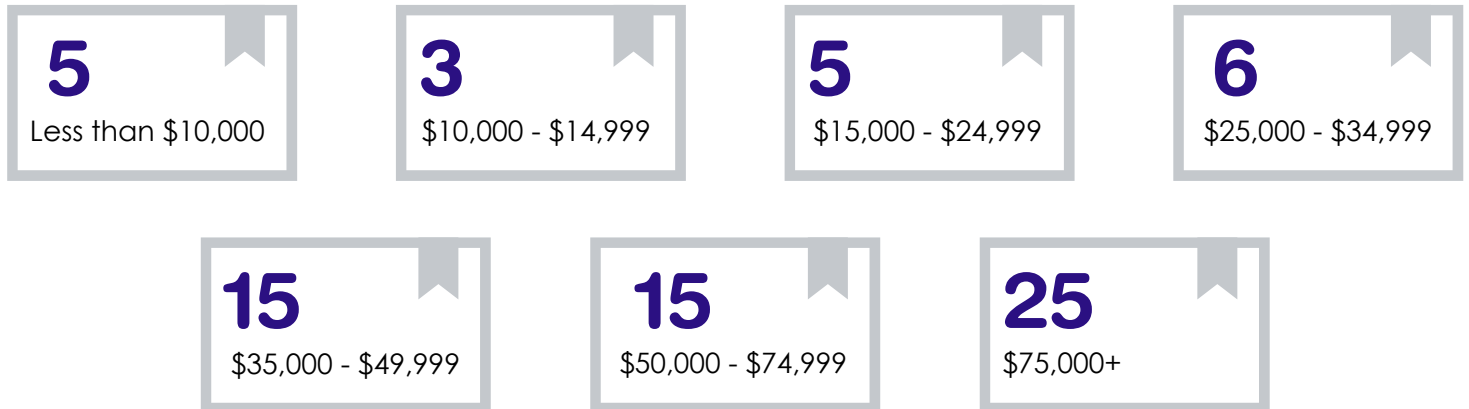
- Free tutoring for 55 families (crowdfunding a little over \$11K to cover the cost)
- Interviews with famous Children's Book Authors and Illustrators
- Virtual programming
- Holiday Toy and Book Giveaway

Communities Served:

Pullman
Roseland
Auburn-Gresham
Hyde Park

Englewood
Beverly
Washington Park
West Loop

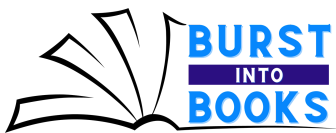
Salary of Families Served:



Zip Codes Served:



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