

Book Report

The BookStart Fund, Chapter Three, May 2015

What is the BookStart Fund?

It is a fund at the Fort Wayne Community Foundation that makes it easy for donors to provide good new books for families served by local agencies, including SCAN, the Urban League, and Healthier Moms & Babies. The agency workers give the new books at visits with parents and young children, newborn to three.

The books are chosen to appeal to the children and to their parents! They are purchased at quantity discounts from the publishers. We select books that show loving family environments, diversity, and humor. Since the families already know the agency workers, they are comfortable hearing and taking the suggestions about making reading aloud a family routine.

A Typical Magical Result

A Healthy Families worker at SCAN who makes regular visits to a family with an infant, a toddler and a preschooler wrote that the children always want someone to read the new books to them right away. *“When I come through the door the children always ask for their new books. When the visit is over, the mom settles down with a pillow on her lap and reads to them while she breast feeds the baby, the other children sitting next to her. **You would have to see it!**”*

Reading Is More Than Words

“The most important thing, I believe, about books for babies and very young children is that they are shared between the child and a caring adult. It is a time for physical closeness and comfort, of quiet and harmony, of sharing ideas and emotions, laughing and learning together.”

Jan Ormerod, author/illustrator of hundreds of children’s books

“This harmonious time together...creates a clear link in a child’s mind between pleasure and books.” Later, when the child “faces the potentially difficult task of mastering reading mechanics, the knowledge that books are pleasurable will provide motivation. ... But reading aloud isn’t just about improving a child’s future, important as that is. ... Good books enrich a child’s life, bringing the magic of story, the satisfaction of acquiring information, and the joy of looking at art.”

Kathleen Odean, Former chair of the Newbery Award Committee

In the BookStart Fund’s First Year

Number of Donors	59
Contributions	\$15,064.50
Books Purchased.....	5,050
Families touched so far.....	750+

BookStart Fund Donors

** Marks new donors since last newsletter
! Marks donors who have given more than once!*

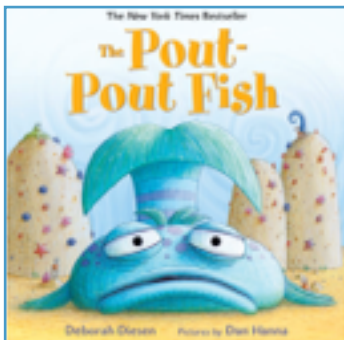
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Dana Wichern !
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Linda & Mack Wootton *
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Judy & Frank Wright **

Two Special Donors

Mary and George Morrison have so loved sharing the *The Pout-Pout Fish* with their grandchildren that they have made a special donation to the BookStart Fund for this book!



*“Deep in the water
Where the fish hang out
Lives a glum gloomy swimmer
With an ever-present pout.”*

How To Help

Mail a check payable to the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne (write BookStart on the memo line) to:

Community Foundation
555 East Wayne Street
Fort Wayne IN 46802

Or go to cglfw.org and donate on line. Write “BookStart” as the special fund.

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