



To the generous donors of our GlobalGiving Art Exploration Campaign,

We are pleased to report that your charitable contributions helped us purchase a new audio book storyteller character for our Book Nook. The books in our reading nook have been removed due to COVID-19. Therefore, in an effort to continue to provide a quiet place for families to take a play break, we have added an audiobook device to the Book Nook. Children and families can sit in the cozy reading space to explore literature and song together by coupling character figurines with the audio device.



Donations in this funding cycle allowed us to acquire a new character storyteller, The Gruffalo. This award winning children's book was written by Julia Donaldson in rhyming couplets, featuring repetitive verse with minor variance. The Gruffalo is a fitting addition for Fall, a time when various holidays may present scary things and monsters. The monster character in this book helps families explore human fear of the unknown and the unexplained while teaching kids not to be unduly fearful. Kids regularly ask for new

song and story characters, and we are pleased your donations have helped us provide this avenue for families to explore the arts in a unique way.

The art exploration campaign is ongoing and while our Book Nook exhibit continues to be a beloved place for families to enjoy songs, nursery rhymes, and stories together, it is in need of an update; paint is worn and cushion covers are threadbare. We will continue to make improvements in this area to allow families to explore literature and song in a clean and cozy environment.

Thank you for helping the Virgin Islands Children's Museum expand the literary offerings in our Book Nook space.

Sincerely,

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