



"THEN IT WAS THAT BOOKS  
BEGAN TO HAPPEN TO ME,  
AND I BEGAN TO BELIEVE IN  
NOTHING BUT BOOKS AND  
THE WONDERFUL WORLD IN  
BOOKS—WHERE IF PEOPLE  
SUFFERED, THEY SUFFERED  
IN BEAUTIFUL LANGUAGE,  
NOT IN MONOSYLLABLES AS  
WE DID IN KANSAS."  
— LANGSTON HUGHES

## how you can help

**Donate:** Your gift helps purchase books and deliver them at no cost.

**Volunteer:** Share your time with reading circles, workshops, or community outreach.

**Spread the Word:** Encourage friends, neighbors, and local schools to join the cause.

### Join Us!

Help us ensure Black families have the power to see themselves in every chapter.

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## books that look like us

**Where Representation Meets Inspiration**

A free, family-focused literacy initiative that provides culturally relevant books and fosters a love of reading in Black households.



## the challenge

**Representation Gap:** Many books used in classrooms and libraries lack Black characters or authors, leaving young readers without relatable heroes.

**Barriers:** Underfunded schools, censorship of Black-centered texts, and limited access to diverse materials deepen the reading gap for Black youth.

### Why This Matters

**Engagement:** Children are more likely to read and improve literacy when they see themselves in stories.

**Empowerment:** Familiar themes and relatable characters build confidence, cultural pride, and a long-term passion for learning.

**Impact on the Future:** Literacy is a gateway to academic achievement, critical thinking, and career opportunities.



## our solution

**Intake Form:** Families share their interests, reading level, and goals to receive personalized book recommendations.

**Curated Book Sets:** High-quality, culturally affirming titles—handpicked to reflect each child's identity and interests.

**Free & Accessible:** No cost to families, ensuring that economic challenges don't stand in the way of representation.

## program highlights

**Community Workshops:** Engaging events to connect families, encourage discussion, and boost reading engagement.

**Author Spotlights:** Showcasing Black authors and illustrators to inspire budding writers and artists.

**Ongoing Support:** Tips, reading guides, and resources to foster literacy habits that last a lifetime.



## innovation & impact

**Personalized Experience:** Matching families with books that resonate deeply, bridging gaps ignored by one-size-fits-all programs.

**Banned Books Advocacy:** Providing direct access to Black-centered texts—pushing back against censorship and preserving inclusive stories.

**Long-Term Benefits:** Students who see themselves in literature often develop stronger reading skills, higher self-esteem, and a greater drive to learn.

## vision for the future

**Empowered Communities:** Cultivating readers who become thinkers, leaders, and advocates.

**Resilient Voices:** Standing firm against banned books, ensuring representation persists for generations.