



LOOK HOW FAR WE'VE COME!

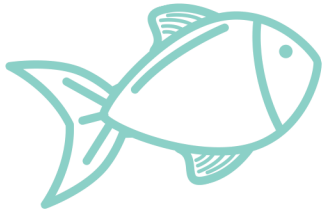
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Barrow LITERACY Partnership

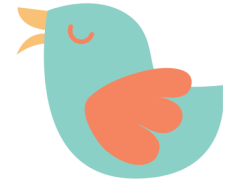
GIVE THEM A FISH...



We want to make sure every family we serve is able to expand their own home library with age-appropriate books and build a reading routine at home.



119,908
TOTAL BOOKS
DISTRIBUTED



MORE
THAN 2,900
BOOK BIRDIES
DISTRIBUTED



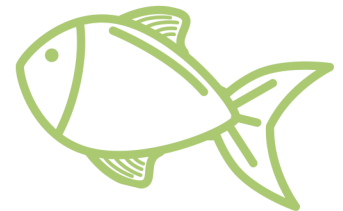
OVER 1,000
BLP RESOURCE BAGS
DISTRIBUTED EACH
YEAR AT
COMMUNITY EVENTS



1,832
LIBRARY CARDS
ISSUED/UPDATED

...AND TEACH THEM TO FISH

We also want to make sure families have access to all the high-quality books, friendly staff, and free resources their local public library has to offer year-round.



94,543
New Books
Distributed

25,365
Donated Books
Distributed

TARGET GROUPS

We serve more than 2,600 children each year in our target groups. These groups include:



- Pre-K and Kindergarten students in Barrow County
- Local Daycares
- Barrow WIC Participants
- Barrow Foster Children
- Barrow Pediatricians
- Local Businesses that host Book Baskets for customers

**OUR NON-PROFIT AGENCY
UTILIZES A DUAL APPROACH TO
IMPROVE THE EARLY LITERACY
SKILLS OF CHILDREN BIRTH TO 5
IN BARROW COUNTY**

By age three,
children from low-
income families may hear

30 MILLION

fewer words than their
more affluent peers.

Research shows that reading aloud is the single most important thing a parent can do to help a child prepare for reading and learning. Yet research also tells us approximately 61% of low-income families do not have ANY age appropriate books in their homes. The BLP officially started January 25, 2016 (originally under the name Barrow Book Partnership) as an attempt to close the inequality gap in literacy development by making books more accessible to Barrow County's low-income families.



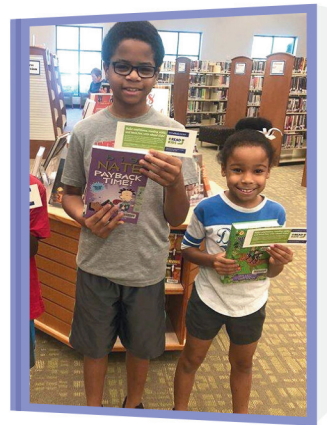
BOOKS

Children in our target audiences get at least 4 new, age-appropriate books a year. Other new or gently used books are distributed whenever and wherever we can according to opportunity and availability.



LANGUAGE

Our language nutrition classes and family workshops promote reading and talking to your baby. We encourage all families to build a robust language environment at home and a warm connection between their child and books.



LIBRARY CARDS

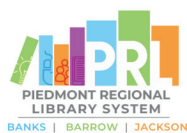
Every family served is given the opportunity to sign up for a library card. We are always excited to welcome families back to the library. Plus, every prek student in Barrow County schools has access to a digital PLAY card with their student ID!



BIRDIES

Our original Book Birdie Buddies are handmade by local volunteers, businesses & community groups. They provide an instant "Book Buddy" for children to read with & snuggle. We are always looking for more makers!

PARTNERS



PLUS:
Barrow Pediatrics
Barrow County DFACS