

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



A Letter from our founder, Amanda Collins

Access Books Bay Area was founded three years ago with the belief that school libraries matter, especially for children living in poverty. A high quality school library program has a lasting academic impact on students, and can even mitigate for the effects of poverty. Over the last three years, what began as a relatively simple mission to restock school libraries and beautify school library facilities in high poverty schools, has grown and developed in the face of the circumstances we have encountered at schools around the Bay Area, where lack of regular staffing has played as large a role in the neglect of school libraries as has the lack of funding for new books.

In 2018, Access Books Bay Area's work in schools in the Ravenswood School District of East Palo Alto and the Alum Rock School District of East San Jose included hundreds of beautiful new books for the libraries, new reading furniture, and colorful and engaging murals, but it also included many more volunteer hours and the expertise of our trained librarian to help struggling schools to create a more effective library space and program through weeding of the existing collection, help recruiting parent volunteers to help maintain the library space, and help organizing the collection to make the library more accessible for students.

With your support, we look forward to serving even more schools in 2019, and expanding our reach to other parts of the San Francisco Bay Area, as well as to continuing to innovate to better meet the needs of school libraries!

Amanda Collins

Executive Director and Founder

WE BELIEVE –

- Access to high quality pleasure reading materials should not be limited to children of affluent families.
 - Reading for pleasure regularly is the single most important predictor of future academic success.
- An improved school library collection, with new and interesting books, can make the difference for a child who had no other access to books at home or otherwise.
- School libraries that are welcoming, colorful, comfortable spaces can not only encourage reading, but can become hubs of learning and culture at their schools.

OUR APPROACH

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY PROGRAM

Collection maintenance, coaching in parent volunteer recruitment and training, & new books for the library



SCHOOL LIBRARY FACILITIES

Mural painting & new comfortable reading furniture to encourage library use



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Partnering with local service organizations for book drives and volunteers to work alongside members of the school community



MATERIAL SUPPORT

New, high interest books in the library encourages greater use of the library by both classes and individuals, and increases access to pleasure reading materials for all students

PROGRAM SUPPORT

The support of our credentialed librarian allows understaffed school libraries to better manage their collection through weeding of old, out of date titles before the project, and helps to organize the collection for maximum impact after the project.

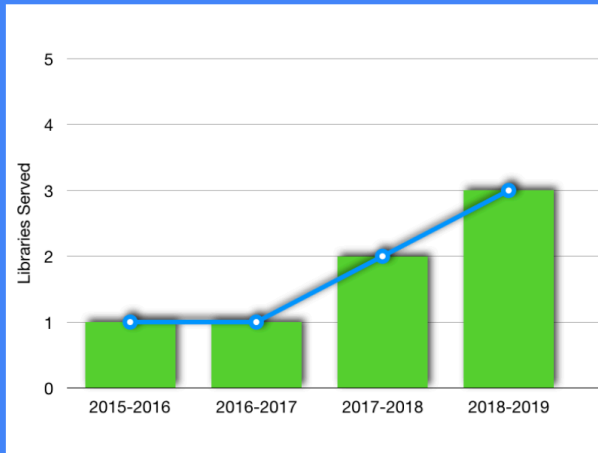


COMMUNITY CONNECTION

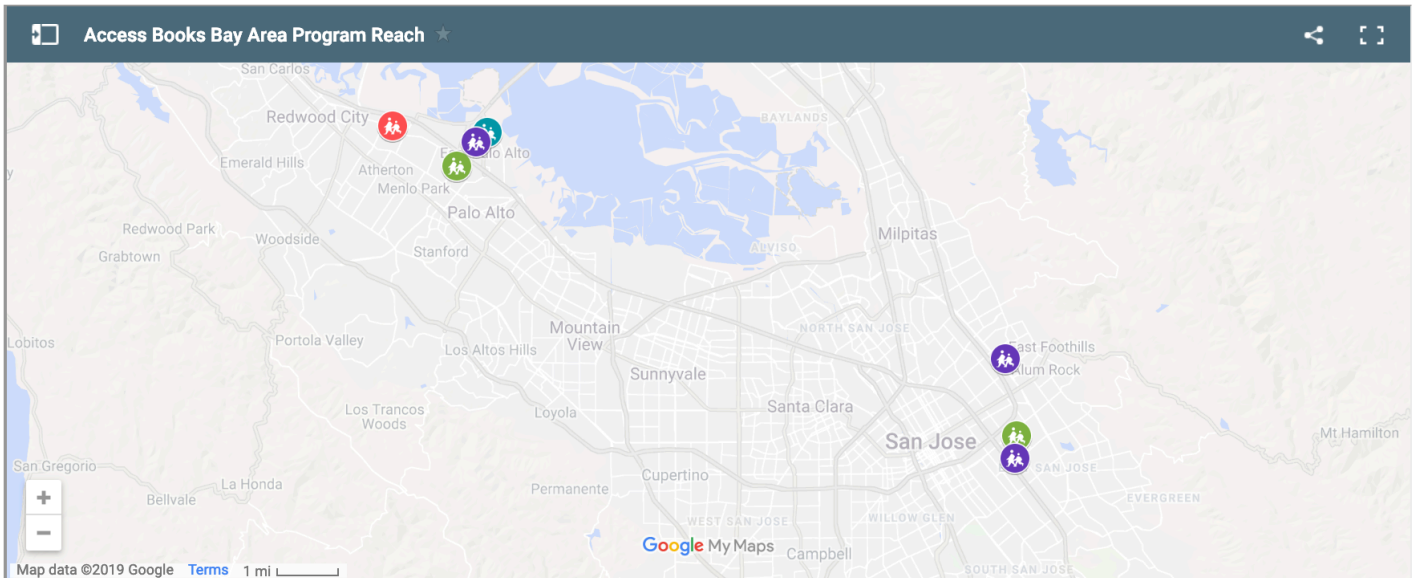
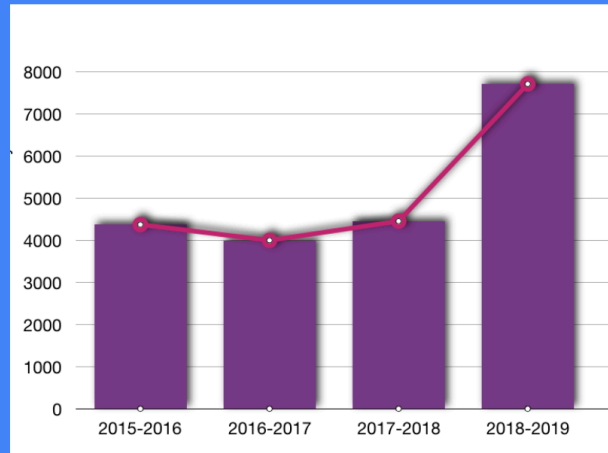
Volunteers from local service organizations work alongside volunteers from the school communities we serve, creating new connections in the interest of literacy. Many school community volunteers become ongoing library helpers, and many service organization volunteers go on to volunteer on future projects once they see the impact they can make for communities in need.

PROGRAM GROWTH

Number of Schools Served Each Year



Number of Books Donated Each Year





Dorsa Elementary

A school library in need

Dorsa Elementary, located in East San Jose, serves 100% students who qualify for Title I funds, meaning that their families live at or below the poverty line. Their library had not received funding in decades, and the average age of their books was 25 years! To make matters worse, the library was only open every other week for four hours a day due to staffing shortage.

We were able to help Dorsa to recruit parent volunteers to get the library open more often, cleaned out old out-of-date books, and our project not only added over 500 beautiful new books to the library, but also made the library brighter and more inviting.

Meet: Viviana Garcia

Principal of Dorsa Elementary School

"I appreciate Access Books staffs' intentionality in selecting current books, as well as books that are culturally relevant to Dorsa students."





Meet: Ravenswood MS

A new school library for a new middle school

Prior to 2018, Ravenswood school district had no middle school, and no school library for the middle school level. When the new middle school opened, they would have hand-me-down books from a few other sites where the libraries had closed. And while they had a fairly recent selection of popular fiction books, their nonfiction section was old and unattractive, their fiction section remained understocked, and they had only a handful of graphic novels. Additionally, the facility they were moving into had only basic shelving and a couple of tables.

Access Books Bay Area was able to completely repaint the space, adding colorful new murals throughout, provided them with comfortable reading furniture appropriate for middle school students, helped weed their collection of old out-of-date books, restocked their nonfiction with attractive new titles, added to their fiction collection, and completely created a new graphic novels section.

Meet: Marsha Abbott

Volunteer at Ravenswood Middle School and partner organization All Schools Matter

"Access Books Bay Area's Ravenswood Middle School Library renovation provided much needed, relevant reading material suitable to the abilities and interests of the RMS students. Volunteers, like myself, for All Students Matter work developing reading skills with students through 5th grade. Access to quality and current literature in their middle school library and classroom allows the students to continue practicing and developing their literacy skills. Working and partnering towards a common goal really multiplies the impact we can make in this district."

OUR PARTNERS



"Young Men's Service League (YMSL) Silicon Valley is thrilled to partner with Access Books Bay Area since our missions align so closely. YMSL is a non-profit organization run by moms and sons who are dedicated to assisting, serving, and supporting those in need in our community. It has been so rewarding for our young members to work with Amanda and her team to create fun, useable libraries for students who may not ever had access to one before."

Shilpi Rakesh, YMSL Peninsula



"Fluffganics' vision is to create an organic marketplace that benefits the communities around us, right where we live. So we paired up with our inspiring local charity Access Books Bay Area. Access Books is refurbishing libraries in underfunded school districts to give kids access to an appealing space with interesting books that are fun to read. One Dollar out of every item that is purchased from our store goes to Access Books to support their current and upcoming projects.."

Kirsti Arora, Fluffganics Founder and CEO



"Leap the Pond focuses its support on organizations dedicated to education and giving people the tools they need to succeed. For us, Access Books Bay Area is a perfect fit, as there is no more important tool for success than literacy!"

*David Furth
President
Leap the Pond*

< \$100	\$100 – \$500	\$500 – \$1000	\$1000 – \$5000	>\$5000
William H Abbott	Jeanie Smith	Arjun Prabhu	Doug and Diana Collins	Brian and Alison Guan
Judith Cook	Aaron VonderHaar	Victor and Viviana Garcia	Network for Good	
Arsen Elkin	Kamal Ardeshtna	Chris and Linda Forrester	Heather & Carolyn Collins	
Susie Cohen	Lance Martin	David Wohlwend		
Asma Rabbani	Brian Sapp	Jeanette Kennedy		
Elizabeth Blair	Nicole Aron			
Alexis Dineen	Robyn Del Fierro			
Julia Hallee	Susan Choquette			
Jennifer Antonow	William H Abbott			
Michelle Higgins	Judith Cook			
Kristi McMichael	David and Trish Collins			
Stephanie Norton	Addison Elementary Book			
Melissa Anderson	Stuart and Amanda Collins			
Sonia Bubar	Susie Cohen			
Sandeep Mirchandani	Elizabeth Blair			
Elizabeth Dougherty	Alexis Dineen			
	Margie Cain			
	Missy Reller			
	Karin Kissane			
	Karen Han			
	Emily Scheinman			

Financials

Revenue			
Contributions	FY 2018	Projected	Actual
	Donors	35,000	10,561
	Corporate Donors		5,350
	Matched Donations	1,000	100
	Amazon Smile	50	640
	Paypal Giving Fund		11
	Facebook	150	
	Fundraising Event	10,000	7,468
	In Kind revenue	500	618
Total Revenue		46,700	24,748
Expenses			
	Marketing	500	81
	Events (Benefit Party)	500	0
	Administrative	500	938
	Program Services	45,000	28,255
	Development	200	702
Total Expenses		46,700	29,976
Change in Net Assets			(5,228)
Cash in Bank			16,262
Prepaid Expenses			323
Net Assets Beginning of Year			16,585
Cash in Bank at Year End			10,757
Assets Transferred from Flipcause in 2019 but from 2018			600
Net Assets at End of Year			11,357
Change in Net Assets			(5,228)