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BOOKS ON BREAK 2015 Final Report: *School Success Depends on Summer*

Books on Break is an evidence-based program of **Book Harvest**, in which children in grades K-5 who qualify for free or reduced lunch select 10 books each to take home for summer and keep forever.

Why we do it: Summer learning loss accounts for 80% of the income-based achievement gap. Access to books in summer has been shown to reverse summer learning loss and help students return to school in the fall ready to resume learning where they left off the prior spring. Our own results from 2014 bear this out!

Here's what we accomplished in 2015, *working together*.

- **2,800 STUDENTS** in Durham, Chapel Hill, and Carrboro took home new string backpacks filled with 10 books each – a total of **28,000 books!** Each string backpack was preloaded with tips and resources for parents.
- **15 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS** partnered with Book Harvest to run Books on Break. These include Durham's Glenn, YE Smith, Forest View, and Lakewood Elementary Schools; and all 11 elementary schools in Chapel Hill-Carrboro.



- **138 VOLUNTEERS** donated **381 hours** to run book drives and help students select their books.
- *Volunteers came from Durham Rotary Club, Windsor Circle, Duke Human Resources, Duke Communications Department, Duke University Retiree Outreach, East Durham Children's Initiative, Durham Public Schools, Durham's Partnership for Children, First Choice Lakewood, Durham Habitat for Humanity, A.J. Fletcher Foundation, United Way of the Greater Triangle, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, Communities in Schools of Durham, Durham Regional Association of Realtors, and many other organizations!*



Book Harvest works year-round to provide books to Triangle children in need. Our vision: a community in which every child is growing up in a home rich with books.

Book Harvest's need for books, funds, and volunteers is ongoing. Please join us as we build brighter futures for our kids! To learn more, visit www.bookharvestnc.org.

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