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### **Book Harvest Brings Read for the Record to Durham**

**DURHAM, NC** – This Thursday, for the second year in a row, local nonprofit organization [Book Harvest](#) is getting Durham’s children and schools involved in setting a national record for the most people reading a single book on a single day. Each year, Jumpstart’s [Read for the Record](#) highlights the importance of building early literacy and language skills for EVERY child, so that all children have the opportunity to enter kindergarten prepared to succeed. This Thursday, October 19, over two million participants will read this year’s campaign book, *Quackers*, by Liz Wong, a story about a kitten who grows up believing he’s a duck, until the day he meets another kitten. What follows is a sweet tale about understanding, acceptance, and learning it’s okay to be whoever you want to be.

For this year’s event, Book Harvest has paired members of Durham’s City Council to read with students in local schools. "Participating in the world's largest shared reading experience shines a spotlight on the need to read to our children — and to put books in the hands of every kid in Durham, and across the world," says Charlie Reece, council member who will be reading at Burton Magnet Elementary School on Thursday. "And of course I get to do all this with a classroom full of Durham's brightest shining faces!" Other participating schools include Glenn Elementary, Hope Valley Elementary, and the Whitted School, as well as local partners Reach Out and Read, Durham Housing Authority, and Book Harvest’s own Book Babies families. City Council members Jillian Johnson and Don Moffitt are among the other readers.

While Read for the Record comes up just once a year, Book Harvest’s four core programs work year-round in schools and community centers, at kitchen tables and in doctors’ offices, to ensure that all children have all the books and literacy support they need to reach their full potential. To learn more about Book Harvest, visit [www.bookharvestnc.org](http://www.bookharvestnc.org).

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