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**BOOK HARVEST RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION
FROM LIBRARY OF CONGRESS**



Today, Book Harvest was recognized as a Best Practice Honoree by the Library of Congress in its announcement of its 2020 Literacy Awards. Book Harvest is one of only 15 organizations from around the world to receive this distinction.

Each year, the Library of Congress honors nonprofit organizations that have made outstanding contributions to increasing literacy in the United States or abroad. The awards encourage the continuing development of innovative methods for promoting literacy and the wide dissemination of the most effective practices. They are intended to draw public attention to the importance of literacy, and the need to promote literacy and encourage reading.

Book Harvest's Executive Director Ginger Young responded to the news: "We are thrilled and deeply honored by this commendation from the Library of Congress. As we prepare to celebrate the first decade of the work we launched in 2011, we are more committed than ever to ensuring that ready access to books and literacy supports for every child in our midst remains our imperative. Education equity is our north star, and this recognition from the Library of Congress affirms that what we are doing is of vital importance to communities here in North Carolina, across the US, and potentially around the world."

The Library of Congress Literacy Awards, originated by David M. Rubenstein in 2013, honor organizations doing exemplary, innovative and replicable work. "Literacy powers the pursuit of learning, knowledge and opportunity around the world, and now we are challenged to find new ways to teach and learn due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden. Read more about the 2020 Literacy Awards [HERE](#).

About Book Harvest: Book Harvest provides an abundance of books and ongoing literacy support to families and their children from birth and serves as a model for communities committed to ensuring that children are lifelong readers and learners. Since its launch in 2011, Book Harvest has provided more than 1.3 million books to North Carolina children. The organization's vision is of a world in which reading, learning, and access to information are considered rights, not privileges, so that all children thrive. Learn more at www.bookharvestnc.org.