

Answer: 60,000

Question: How many free books have been chosen by Vancouver-area children in

Books for Me! programs since October 2011???

Books for Me! Literacy Foundation is proud and excited to share some amazing news: since our first program opened at Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House in the Fall of 2011, over **SIXTY THOUSAND** books have been chosen by children from across the Vancouver area.

This success is thanks to strong volunteer support (from book sorting and delivery volunteers, to those who welcome the children and help them choose a book), the ongoing enthusiasm from our program partners, the wide variety of companies and groups who organize drives that bring us so many lovely books to share, and to our generous sponsors and donors.

Through book drives and private donations, our unique program collects new and gently-used children's books and then, at each location, attractively displays a wide variety of books for the children to choose to keep. These books stay with the children, to be taken home, loved, read and re-read, building literacy and a love for reading.

We have programs in 13 locations now, including elementary schools, Neighbourhood Houses, a community centre, a childcare centre and a clinic at BC Women's Hospital.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us grow this successful program – together, we are making a difference in children's literacy in our communities.

Gratefully,

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