

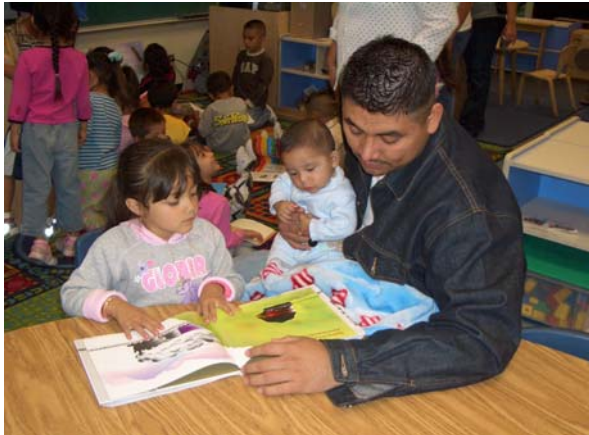


BRINGING BOOKS TO CHILDREN



Awarded the 2002 Espiritu Award for Literacy by the Isabel Allende Foundation.

Bring Me A Book Southern California



What's New in Southern California

Grousbeck Family Foundation Adopts 38 Classrooms in the New Transition to Kindergarten Program!(see page 3 for more details)

Bring Me A Book Brings Bookcase Libraries and First Teachers Workshops to the City of Avalon: Watch the video: www.bringmeabook.org/whats-new.html

BMAB Donates Bookcase Library to North Valley Caring Services!
www.bringmeabook.org/whats-new.html

BMAB and Southern California Edison Partner to Donate 10 Bookcase Libraries!
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BMAB Southern California Supporters

Thank you to our many Southern California corporate, foundation and individual supporters!

- Grousbeck Family Foundation
- John W. Carson Foundation
- Koch Family Foundation
- California Community Foundation
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- Edison International
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BMAB Southern California Evaluation Partners

Bring Me A Book began expansion to Southern California in 2007, growing rapidly to over 180-targeted bookcase placements at state-funded poverty preschools, childcare daycare centers, and homeless shelters in Los Angeles County. The Southern California expansion has been bolstered by a **2-year California Community Foundation grant** and a **University of Southern California collaborative partnership with the USC Institute of Urban Youth** to evaluate the effectiveness of the Bring Me A Book® Foundation programs in promoting school readiness and parent engagement in the early learning process.

The partnership between BMABF and USC will support more extensive testing of the effectiveness of BMABF programs than previously available. A two-year research project will be carried out that will not only include and expand previous outside evaluation of the program, but also importantly add a critical evaluation of the early literacy skills of the children who are exposed to BMABF programs compared to the skills of similar children who have not had the benefit of our programs -- and over a longer period of time than we have assessed so far.



Southern California Partnerships

To deliver our programs in Southern California, BMAB partners with:

- Los Angeles County Office of Education Family Literacy Program
- First 5 Los Angeles
- Los Angeles Unified School District Early Childhood Division
- Long Beach Unified School District Child Development
- Long Beach Early Learning Connections (a network of over 200 Greater Long Beach preschool and early education providers)
- ABC Unified School District
- Bellflower Unified School District
- Culver City Unified School District Early Childhood Division
- Hawthorne Unified School District
- Lawndale School District
- Rowland Unified School District
- Lennox School District
- Paramount Unified School District
- Redondo Beach Unified School District
- Rowland Unified School District
- Long Beach Day Nursery
- *Para Los Niños*
- Mexican American Opportunity Foundation
- Mothers Club Pasadena
- Comprehensive Child Development
- YMCA Greater Long Beach
- Young Horizons
- Crystal Stairs
- City of Paramount
- University of Southern California
- County of Los Angeles Supervisor Don Knabe

Bring Me A Book Making an Impact!

“The Los Angeles Unified School District has been extremely fortunate to be able to participate in the wonderful Bring Me A Book program. It beautifully supports what the research tells us about the life-long benefits of reading aloud to children in their early years. We are especially excited about the program’s parent education component, First Teachers, which not only helps parents learn about the importance of reading aloud but also provides concrete strategies to help them maximize the benefits for their child. We have already seen how well the program works with a broad range of families.” – [Whitcomb Hayslip, LAUSD Assistant Superintendent Early Childhood Education](#)

“It looks like the goal to get high quality children’s books and bookcases at 100% percent of all the sites we serve is almost there. Not to forget the wonderful business partners the grantees have come in contact with at ribbon cutting ceremonies. The partnership between Bring Me A Book and Family Literacy Support Network/LA County Office of Education is an excellent example of true collaboration and a big WIN for children and families in LA County. With great appreciation for all that you do for families with young children.” - [Liz Guerra, LA County Office of Education](#)

“I cannot express the joy that filled my heart when I saw the looks of all the children reading those books - especially my boys! The books were so inspiring that children began to read them aloud to each other!” – [Debra Aguet, Principal, Normont Early Education Centers](#)

“I am pleased that the Los Angeles County Office of Education is a partner with the Bring Me A Book Foundation to support family literacy and school readiness providers throughout the County of Los Angeles. The hard-back, high-quality books of culturally relevant titles are a welcomed addition to any classroom and excellent resources for children, parent, and teachers to use to experience the joy that reading brings.” – [Darlene P. Robles, Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools](#)

“Una de las alumnas de cinco años del preescolar, manifestó sentirse contenta con la donación porque "estos libros, tan bonitos e interesantes, nos van a servir mucho para que los niños empiecen su hábito a lectura". - [Patricia Sánchez, mamá de Leilani Gutiérrez dice](#)

THE GROUSBECK FAMILY FOUNDATION, BRING ME A BOOK, AND LAUSD HAVE FORGED A NEW GROUND-BREAKING PARTNERSHIP



Bring Me A Book, Los Angeles is thrilled to announce an exciting partnership with the Grousbeck Family Foundation who has “adopted” all 38 classrooms in Los Angeles Unified School District’s Transition Kindergarten (TK) pilot program.

The LAUSD program provides an extra year of preparation for kindergarten-eligible children (late-year birthdays) who need the gift of time to develop socially, emotionally, physically and/or intellectually before entering kindergarten the following year.

The Grousbeck Family Foundation’s generous gift will provide TK classrooms with:

- Bring Me A Book classrooms libraries plus replenishment books at the end of the year,
- Parent workshops as their child’s First Teacher
- Training materials for all TK teachers to use with parents throughout the year, and
- Professional development for all TK teachers across all LAUSD Local Districts.

The Grousbeck Family Foundation adoption of a program is a model available to other prospective donors and partners who want to support Bring Me A Book’s partnerships with school districts throughout Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

In the next several years, all school districts will be initiating Transitional Kindergarten programs. Smaller school districts will have fewer classrooms – so an adoption of a Transitional Kindergarten program can fit your budget and giving needs. Bring Me A Book will match, with you, the number of classes you can or want to “adopt”. Contact Dale Petruilis at dpetruilis@bringmeabook.org with your interest in “adopting” TK and/or other BMAB preschool programs.

We look forward to working with local districts, the community and other partners, supporting children to realize their highest potential. We will work with you to maximize your donation and your impact!

***** SB 1381 (Simitian) changes the kindergarten entry date in California from 5 years old by December 2 to 5 years old by September 1, so all children enter kindergarten at age 5. This would generate savings that could be used to provide 4 year olds with birthdays between September and December with an additional year of preparation before kindergarten.**

http://action.preschoolcalifornia.org/site/DocServer/100930_SB_1381_Press_Release-FINAL.pdf?docID=241

<http://gov.ca.gov/press-release/16098/>

http://www.senatorsimitian.com/entry/simitians_kindergarten_readiness_act_signed_by_governor/