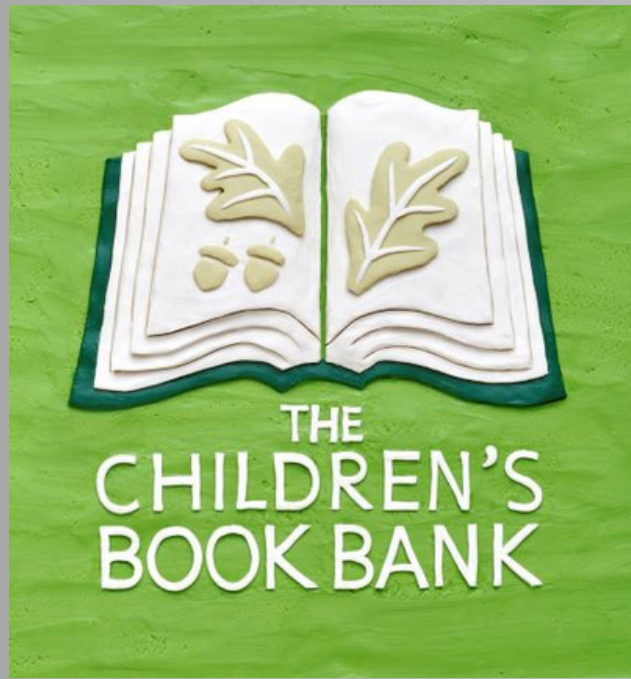


Building Books Banks - Building Welcoming Community Spaces



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All Children Have the Right to Read
- The Ontario Human Rights Commission
2012



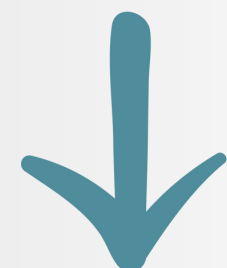
Higher literacy can boost the economic and financial success of individuals and the economy as a whole. It can reduce poverty, improve health, lift community engagement and lead to a higher standard of living.

-United for Literacy, 2017



Owning books from a young age can change the trajectory of a child's life.

-National Literacy Trust, 2023



The Children's Book Banks are accessible, inclusive and welcoming spaces located in Toronto's highest needs neighborhoods. There is no registration of any kind to take home free, gently used books or to participate in enjoyable literacy activities for families and schools. Book Banks offer a sustainable model of book gifting.

- Book ownership, not book borrowing
 - Pages, not screens
 - Physical spaces, not digital spaces
- www.childrensbookbank.com

