



With literacy and access for all



## OUR MISSION

Access Books transforms public school libraries and community centers in historically underserved neighborhoods by providing them with new high-quality book collections. Over the last 26 years and with the help of volunteers – our program has served more than **450 libraries** and donated over **2.4 million books**.

We also partner with award-winning writers and talented artists on events designed to inspire the next generation of creative storytellers.



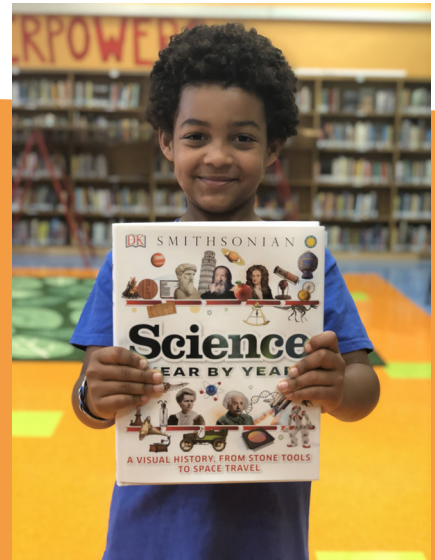
### WHY IT MATTERS

**The State of California is last in the nation in school library funding. This means public school libraries in already-underserved schools all over Los Angeles will continue to be ravaged by years of neglect and a lack of support at every level.**

## THE IMPACT

Every school library receives as many as 2,000 new hardcover books and another 2,500 for classroom use. Book collections include the classics, popular series and stories written by

diverse writers, including talented authors from Los Angeles. The library is also transformed with new shelves, furniture, a new coat of paint and dozens of brightly colored murals.



## HOW WE WORK

A school library book can cost as much as \$35 but our team secures them for a third of the cost ensuring that **90 cents of every dollar** donated goes directly to the purchase of books and special programs. Our success also lies in a strong volunteer base and the dedicated principals and library aides with whom we collaborate.

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