

2022 Year in Review

The mission of Friends of Literacy is to transform lives through literacy and foster a lifelong love of reading.

Our programs help adults, children, and families gain the skills they need to achieve their educational goals.

Number of adult students who improved their literacy skills through our Adult Literacy program



Literacy To Go packs distributed at 21 schools



Families provided with resources to help their children become better readers



Children served through our Family Literacy programs



Books distributed to children to build their home library



Value of time donated by volunteers



Thank you for supporting literacy!



We appreciate the individuals, businesses, and organizations who supported our work in 2022, including those who chose to give anonymously.

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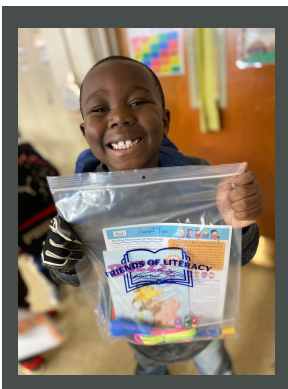
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This year, we will continue working to get books in the hands of children, encourage parental involvement in literacy, and ensure everyone reaches their full potential by providing literacy services for children, adults, and families.



Children, parents, adults, and educators across the area benefit from our programs. These are just a few of the kind words they have shared with us.

FOL has high-quality programs and documented success in helping our students improve their literacy skills, and I'm proud of the work we do.

We greatly appreciate you and your support for our students and families. Thank you so much!

Our favorite is the materials available, and the challenge presented to both the students and adult to become 'Avid Readers'. This is a lifetime gift.

We appreciate having community partners that assist our program in providing high quality learning to the youngest learners in Oak Ridge.

Friends of Literacy provided the guidance, tools, books, expertise, and encouragement that resulted in improved literacy for these amazing kids and a life-changing experience for this tutor.

The Reading Mentors program has a tremendous positive impact on students and is also a life changing experience for the tutors.

Our community partners help us transform lives through literacy. Thank you for your continued support. We couldn't do it without you!

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