

# No-Show Novel Night

*Your gift will help the library inspire readers like Claire, Josephine, Matthew, Violet, and Hale to continue learning and exploring! I hope you can help!*

*- Michael, Director*



## The Gift of Early Literacy

Royal Reader Claire achieved the goal of 1000 Books Before Kindergarten last year! Every child who participates in 1000 Books Before Kindergarten receives a free book upon registration. At 1000 books, children will be designated a "Royal Reader" with a photo, their names added to the "Golden Scroll," and they will be awarded a gift book. Claire loves The Very Hungry Caterpillar and is growing her own caterpillars at home, waiting for them to turn into beautiful butterflies!

## From Our Patrons

The WCDPL Children's Place has played an important role in my family's life. Almost nine years ago, I was new in town and was a new mom. Storytime with Miss Maria was how I found my life-changing group of mom friends.

The Children's Place has always been a warm and welcoming place for my family, where I felt comfortable letting my kids roam around and explore. When the library began offering curbside service, my kids were overjoyed. It was like Christmas in our house, going through all the books I had put on hold!

Now that we can safely browse in person in the library, my kids and I have thoroughly enjoyed traveling around the world with the Children's Place curated collections of books about various countries. Each Friday, we would visit the library, choose our next country, and get our passports stamped. So far, we have visited India, China, Italy, Russia, Brazil, and Ireland. Our library is the best!

-Brynn, Josephine, & Matthew



The library has always been an important resource for our family — even during the pandemic, that never changed! At a time when each day so often felt like the one before it, being able to get new books in a safe and convenient way helped to make days just a little more manageable. Recently, I began calling in to ask a children's librarian for help finding books that would suit our kids. I wish I'd done this sooner and I'm definitely going to keep asking for help well beyond COVID-times. This has not only been a huge tangible experience of support for me, it has been an enormous hit with our little ones and introduced us all to books we'd have never encountered otherwise. A huge thank you goes out to all of the library staff for your hard work, commitment, and kindness. We appreciate you.

-Carmen, Dryw, Violet & Hale

