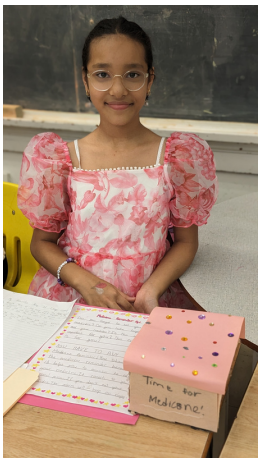
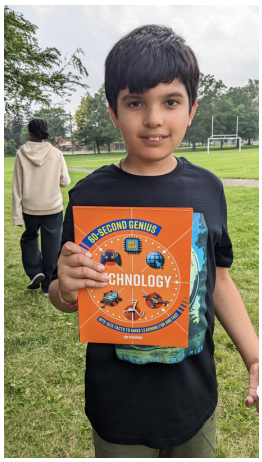
THE LEACOCK FOUNDATION

A Year at a Glance

Literacy & Leadership Programs 2023









Our literacy and leadership programs embody a holistic approach to education, nurturing young minds while fostering essential skills for community leadership. Our literacy initiatives engage students through tailored curriculum and mentorship, elevating literacy skills while igniting a passion for learning. The youth participate in leadership programs that equip them with invaluable life skills, promoting resilience, critical thinking, and empathetic leadership qualities essential for navigating today's world. Through a blend of academic support, mentorship, and confidence building, Leacock programs aim not just to educate but to empower future changemakers, contributing to the fabric of vibrant, resilient communities.

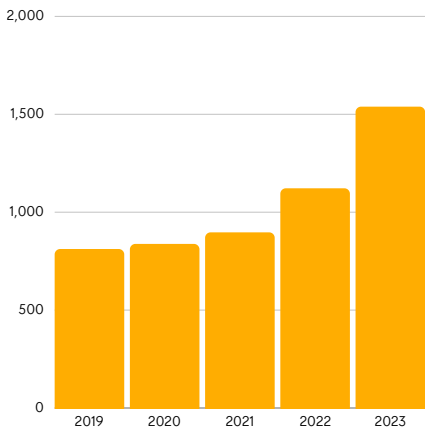
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Number of registrations in 2023



+53%

Increase in registrations since 2019



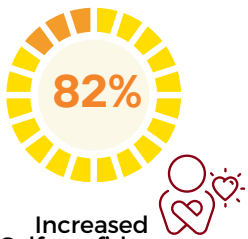
The demand for our programs is at an all-time high and we are making an impact. As we reflect on our growth and progress, we are proud of our notable achievements.

- In 2023, we received 1,593 registrations, a 53% increase since 2019.
- Teachers reported that 85% of learners improved their literacy skills and math literacy Skills, and 82% of learners demonstrated increased self-confidence and improved communication.
- We expanded our reach by launching our full suite of programming to Thorncliffe Park - one of the largest elementary and middle school communities in North America.
- Parents and learners reported a 94% satisfaction rate for our programs.

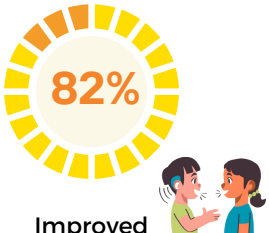
Greatest Growth



Improvement in Literacy



Increased Self-confidence



Improved Communication

Let's Hear from Leacock Families

Our programs mean a lot to families in our partner communities. Parents eagerly request to join our programs. In some cases, we are unable to accommodate every family due to high demand which results in waitlists. Parents provide overwhelmingly positive feedback and gratitude for the Leacock Foundation.



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"My 3 kids are improving in reading and writing. They also have lots of opportunities to learn other skills like coding and math. We took part in all Leacock programs in the past 3 years. I'd like to say the Leacock team are my superheroes. Because having to spend money on extra programs always stopped the kids from learning in the past."

"My children have fallen so much behind since the pandemic. The reason why I would like for them to get accepted in the program is because they are really struggling in math a lot. I'm hoping and keeping my fingers crossed that they get an opportunity to be in the program, as this foundation is one of the best I have encountered so far."

"As new immigrants, my husband and I are in the transition phase for our career in Canada. As a result, we are battling to offer enough time for our child to assist her with her studies. Please provide my child the opportunity to join the program so that she can obtain support with her studies. I hope for your positive response."

Our Learning Partners

At the Leacock Foundation, partnerships are crucial as they provide access to additional resources, expertise, and networks. Collaborating with others fosters a collective effort, amplifying the impact of our work and enhancing its ability to address complex educational challenges.

Indigo Love of Reading Foundation · ABC LifeLiteracyCanada · Scientists in School · future design school · Ivey Business School, Western University · Canada · canada life · Toronto District School Board · First Book Canada · Snapology · tpl toronto public library · Canada Summer Jobs



4 communities impacted across **15** local partner schools



350 hours of learning across all programs





82% participant retention rate



85% participant attendance average



8400 collective volunteer hours from local youth







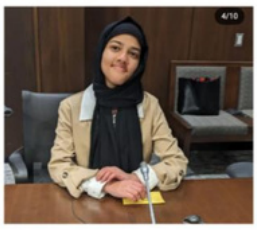
Your Support Matters

We extend our gratitude for your support. Your generosity has positively transformed the lives of children and youth, providing them with invaluable opportunities, resources, and support to thrive and achieve their full potential.














Planning for the Future



In the next three years, we aim to continue to elevate our current programming through specific initiatives.

- **Early literacy intervention** in senior kindergarten is crucial to provide a strong foundation for lifelong learning and promote educational equity
- Reflect **a multifaceted approach** that includes language comprehension and word recognition, in particular phonological awareness, decoding and sight recognition
- Ensure that our programming is effectively **engaging BIPOC children** within the partner communities

