



# BookSmiles

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## BOOKSMILES BOOK BANK SURPASSES MILESTONE, DISTRIBUTING OVER 1.6 MILLION BOOKS

[Pennsauken, NJ] – In a remarkable achievement, BookSmiles, a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering a love for reading among underserved children, proudly announces that it has successfully distributed over 1.6 million books to hundreds of thousands of needy children throughout Philadelphia and New Jersey. This significant milestone makes them one of the largest book banks in the country. It underscores the organization's unwavering commitment to promoting literacy and educational equity in communities facing socio-economic challenges.

Since its inception in 2017, BookSmiles has worked tirelessly to bridge the literacy gap by providing quality upcycled books for children who may not otherwise have the means to build their home libraries. The organization's innovative and community-driven approach has garnered widespread support and enabled the distribution of an impressive number of books to schools, community centers, and organizations serving disadvantaged youth.

"Spreading 'literacy love' has been a goal of mine since taking public office," stated Senator Troy Singleton. From our annual 'Jump Into Reading Challenge' to reading to kids in classrooms, I am always seeking ways to encourage our kids to read. To that end, for nearly three years, I have partnered with BookSmiles and Larry Abrams, Founder and Executive Director of BookSmiles. For those who are not familiar with this non-profit, Larry and his team collect unwanted children's books and distribute them to kids who may not have their own home libraries. In essence, they are redistributing book wealth."

"With the incredible support of our donors, volunteers, and community partners, BookSmiles has surpassed the 1.6 million books distribution mark ahead of schedule. In addition, I am particularly proud that we did it all by upcycling quality books that could likely have ended up in landfills, thereby contributing to both environment conservation and the preservation of literary resources. This achievement speaks volumes about the collective dedication to improving literacy and educational opportunities for children in Philadelphia and New Jersey," said Abrams.

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In just a few short years, the non-profit BookSmiles went from distributing 5000 books a month out of English teacher Larry Abrams' Lindenwold, NJ classroom to 55,000+ books a month out of a 4300 square foot South Jersey warehouse. Those interested in the organization, can visit [BookSmiles.org](http://BookSmiles.org), or contact Larry Abrams at [Larry@booksmiles.com](mailto:Larry@booksmiles.com) or (856)986-2707.

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