

Hi, my name is Jacob Daunoras, and I have been collecting books for BookSmiles since the summer of 2020. I have collected over 5,000 books through the donation bin that I have set up at Berlin Blossoms. I think that a key factor to my education at a young age was my reading, and I love that I have the ability now, as a graduating senior in high school, to give others that same opportunity. Reading has been one of my favorite pastimes since I started in the third grade with the *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series. This series gave me a person I could relate to, and overall made me feel more confident in school, and even today I use that same confidence in making my decision for college. I hope to have the ability to continue helping BookSmiles when I go to college, and I hope that I am able to do my part in the donations to the kids that are just like me in third grade.