

# **2020 Annual Report**



# Burst Into Books' mission is to rebuild our village through advocacy, the arts, educational and family programming. **We envision a world transformed by cultural literacy through education.**

Burst Into Books is a nonprofit organization committed to helping the youth deepen their love of reading by integrating the arts, providing opportunities for them to engage with those connected to the literacy field, and creating a space for them to express themselves. We are invested in supporting the whole family unit in order to establish long lasting change.



## **Program Overview**



#### **Events & Initiatives**

conducted to develop cultural literacy in the community and help the youth deepen their love for reading by integrating the arts, providing opportunities for them to engage with literary experts and authors, providing a space for self-expression.

#### **18** *Community Partners*

contributed to the success of our events and initiatives for the welfare of the community.

# 2000

#### Total Number of Books Distributed

to children and families. This is 100% more than 2019!

**8** Communities Served

This is 25% more compared to last year.

#### **14** Guest Authors & Artists

gave their time to help children grow love for reading.



### **2020 Financials**

**\$ 4,879** Annual Gross Revenue

**\$ 12,608** Annual Gross Expenses

### **Partnerships**

- Far South Community Action Council
- 11th District Police Station
- Blue Door Neigborhood Center (Pullman)
- Moms of Beverly-Chicago, IL
- Southwest Chicago Diversity Collaborative SCDC
- Beverly Area Planning Association
- Channel 7 News
- Bronzeville Community Action Council
- Chicago Literacy Alliance
- Beverly Branch Library
- Crystal Clear Tutoring, LLC
- Butler College Prep
- The Gwendolyn Brooks Center for Black Literature and Creative Writing
- King Academy for Social Justice
- Schmid Elementary School
- Bronzeville Children's Museum
- Semicolon Bookstore
- Benjamin E. Mays Elementary School

#### **Funders/Donors:**

• Individuals

#### **Events & Initiatives**

- Monthly book club sessions
- Over 50 guest authors to present at book club sessions
- Family Paint and Sip
- Black History Family Celebration: Chicago Edition
- Virtual Community Town Hall Meetings
- The Front Row (Author Interviews)
- Family Literacy Day
- Author story times
- Book giveaways for classroom teachers and organizations
- Mental Health Workshops
- Autism Awareness Workshops
- Common Core Test Prep
- Virtual Bedtime Stories
- 11th District Domestic Violence Awareness Community Event
- "Remixing the Narrative: From Me to We" Girls' Conference
- Graphic Lit Event with Kevin Coval, Nora Blakely and Jiba Molei Anderson, MFA
- Turkey giveaways to families (November book club sessions)
- Virtual Community Town Halls
- Dr. Seuss Themed Day
- Virtual Writing Workshops
- Holiday book club with pictures with Dreezy Claus Chicago's Black Santa
- Remixing the Narrative Podcast
- Juneteenth Business Crawl

#### **Guest Authors & Artists:**

Evan Roberts Harold Green III Gordo Matt Muse Christine Mapondera-Talley Frascaswell Hyman Trish Cooke Daria Peoples-Riley Raymond Smith Isaac Perry Raquel L. Monroe, Ph.D Gene Mandarino Shavondra Walker David Taylor II

# **Highlights**

- Black History Family Celebration: Chicago Edition
- "Remixing the Narrative: From Me to We" Girls' Conference
- Mental Health Workshops
- Autism Awareness Workshops
- Virtual Community Town Hall Meetings

## **Communities Served:**

Pullman Roseland Auburn-Gresham Hyde Park Englewood Beverly Washington Park West Loop

### **Salary of Familes Served:**



# Zip Codes Served:



#### Join our Community



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