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Kids' Book Bank Closes its Next Chapter Capital Campaign

The organization's first-ever capital campaign raised \$2 million for the purchase and renovation of a 24,000 sq ft office and warehouse space in the Jefferson-Puritas area

Cleveland, OH (November 3, 2025) – Thanks to the incredible generosity of the community, the Cleveland Kids' Book Bank today announced it has successfully completed its \$2 million Next Chapter Capital Campaign.

Less than a year after launching the campaign, the full \$2 million has been raised, with more than \$1 million coming from individuals.

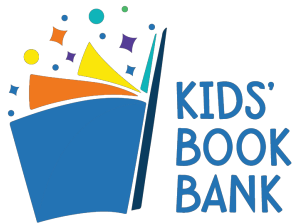
"The support has been tremendous since publicly announcing the campaign at our October 23, 2024, Booktoberfest event. In four months, we secured enough support to purchase the building [at 13913 West Parkway Road] on February 24, 2025. Since then, we have been working to ensure the space is welcoming and accommodating for all of our friends in the community. We opened our doors on October 6, 2025," Executive Director Natalie Friedl explained. "We didn't have the luxury of time, but people understood the urgency to address the need for a literacy hub. The community has invested in literacy and we are excited about the impact it will have."

Lead donors on the campaign who contributed \$100,000 or more were Bonnie Hagerman; Higley Major Gifts Fund at the Cleveland Foundation; Bob and Susan Immerman; the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation; Debbie and Steve Joseph; Steve and Loree Potash Family Foundation; and the William M. Weiss Foundation.

On Saturday, October 25, 2025, the Kids' Book Bank welcomed more than 250 guests to the Mandel Literacy Hub to *Bet on Books: A Night in Wonderland*, an Alice in Wonderland-inspired casino night fundraiser. , with only \$10,000 left to complete the Next Chapter Capital Campaign.

Guests at the *Bet on Books* fundraiser accepted the challenge to raise the remaining \$10,000 needed to close the campaign. With those funds secured, the Cleveland Kids' Book Bank is now poised to expand distribution, welcome more volunteers, and make book access a lasting part of Cleveland's story.

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About the Cleveland Kids' Book Bank

Since 2016, the nonprofit organization has been dedicated to ensuring that every child in Greater Cleveland has books in the home. Through its community-based partnerships, the Cleveland Kids' Book Bank has distributed more than five million new and gently used books to children, schools, and community organizations, helping to foster a love of reading and improving childhood literacy. The Kids' Book Bank recently moved into its new home—a 24,000 sq ft office and warehouse space in the Jefferson-Puritas area of Cleveland.

For more information, visit www.kidsbookbank.org.

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