

An Open Book is off to a great start this school year with an action-packed Fall!



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An Open Book Foundation hit the ground running five years ago. We've heard it said that life is a marathon, not a sprint, but AOB continues on a record-setting pace as we enter our sixth year bringing children's authors, illustrators, and their books to local schools. Read on for highlights from our action-packed past few months!



AOB selected for the 2016-17 Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington

An Open Book Foundation is thrilled to report that this year's [Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington](#) includes AOB. Selection by The Catalogue affirms that AOB is "one of the best small nonprofits in our area."

Current supporters and potential donors can be confident that AOB has met the Catalogue's high standards because it has undergone a program review and financial assessment.

Falling into Place

With 72 author and illustrator presentations during the first 43 days of this school year, this fall has been our busiest yet. AOB has already distributed more than **3,500** new books to students and their school and classroom libraries. Author presentations covered a range of nonfiction content from the Bonobo ape to the Slinky and fictional subjects as varied as road trips to art heists.

Partnerships with We Need Diverse Books, the Library of Congress Young Readers Center, and Simon & Schuster with First Book complimented the author programs we offered students. As



always, our website features our [events](#) and, looking ahead, you'll see that our [calendar](#) already includes authors through April 2017!



A Clean, Well-Lighted Place

Have you ever wondered where we keep books before we give them away? Hundreds of books are kept in multiple rooms, at the ready for future author visits or for use in our Little Free Library program. The collection is cataloged through an online system, [LibraryThing](#), so that it can be efficiently referenced. The bookshelves shown here include our collection from M - Z, while the chaos on the floor includes new books to be added to the collection from recent events as well as generous donations from [Capitol Choices](#) and several local reviewers.

Now, more than ever, An Open Book Foundation's mission to offer author/illustrator programs and books to students and schools with fewer resources is critical. With your help, we will continue to provide informative presentations and rich fictional worlds from a diverse array of authors and illustrators and create literacy-rich environments in the communities we serve. By opening the world of books, we promote the love of reading and, thereby, a better understanding of not only students' own lives but also the greater world beyond their own.

Thank you for your continued support of An Open Book.

Warmly,

Dara La Porte, Founder and Executive Director
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