

Students Served

11,096

(across all programs and distributions)

Books Distributed

13,293

(across all programs and distributions)

Partnering Authors and Illustrators

206

(across all programs and distributions)



Students by Grade Level



2021-2022 Partnerships

Nonprofits

- City Blossoms
- Coalition for Literacy Equity
- FRESHFARM FoodPrints
- Live It Learn It
- Planet Word
- Shout Mouse Press
- Teaching for Change
- Writers and Artists Across the Country

Independent Schools

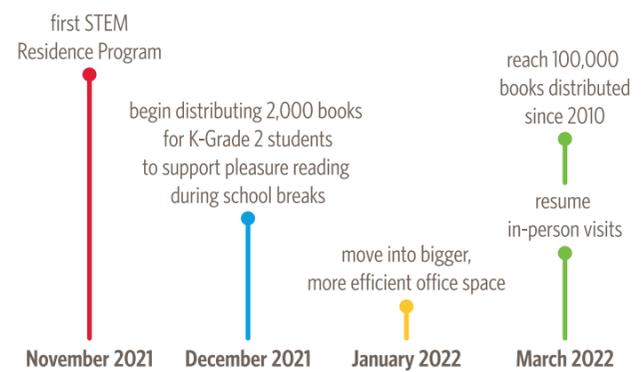
- Edmund Burke School
- Sidwell Friends School

Independent Bookstores

- Barstons Child's Play
- Loyalty Bookstore
- Solid State Books

The 2021-22 school year was one of growth and expansion for AOB. We launched our STEM Residence Program, modeled on our successful Artist-in-Residence Program. We moved to a bigger office space, closer to many of our partner schools. We welcomed a full-time program coordinator in April and created an office assistant position for the 2022-23 school year. We added two new nonprofit partners to our roster: City Blossoms and Planet Word, and we collaborated on an event with New Heights, a school-based service delivery program that supports expectant and parenting DCPS students. We secured several new grants, received support for capacity building, and successfully transitioned our fiscal year to align with our programming cycle.

Milestones



Programs

Roadkill may seem an unlikely subject for a STEM lesson, but author and scientist Heather Montgomery (*Something Rotten: A Fresh Look at Roadkill*) will quickly dispel that notion. Not only is it science, it's gross—and engrossing to the third graders who participated in Montgomery's three-day residencies at LaSalle Backus ES. The first in our new STEM Residence Program, classes studied the impact of humans on wildlife migration and constructed model bridges to help wildlife safely cross busy roads. Other STEM residencies included citizen-scientist Lenora Todaro focusing on local wildlife and habitats, and author-activist Tony Hillery championing urban planning and school gardens.



Working in small groups, students actively engage in scientific inquiry, testing hypotheses and recording observations.

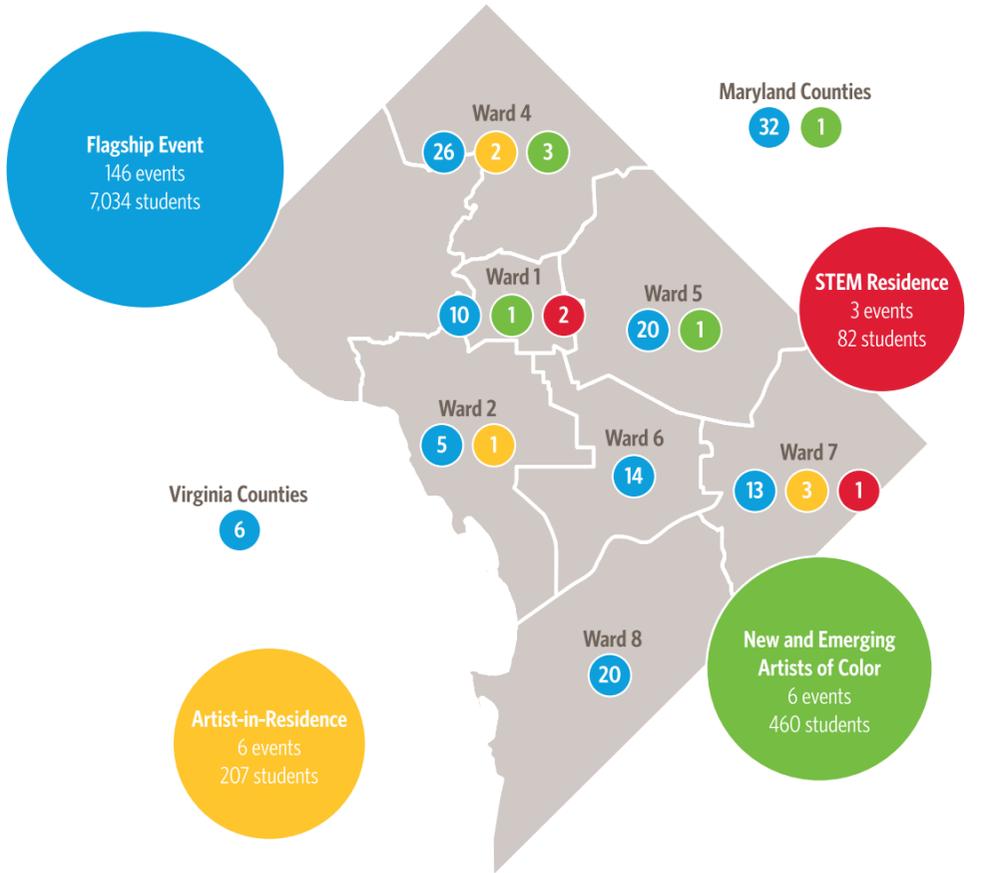


AOB's Flagship Program began a partial return to in-person visits mid-year. Here, illustrator Vashti Harrison chats with a student at Houston Elementary School while signing her book.

Impact

- Through our New and Emerging Artists of Color Program, **60% of students** said they could imagine being an author after meeting one.
- After participating in a STEM Residence Program, **85% of students** wanted to learn even more about science.
- Nearly **70% of students** said they'll read the book they received right away.
- 83% of educators** tied the visit to the classroom, grade, or school curriculum.

Survey data from students and educators collected during a 6-week period.



Financials



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