

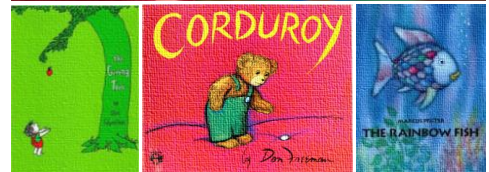


Dear Library Advocate,

Do you remember your favorite childhood book—the way the story **sparked your imagination** as you soaked in the words and pictures? For so many of us, we can remember times when our parents, grandparents, or teachers made the important **investment** in teaching us how to read for ourselves—they **first read to us**.



To sound out words in those books on our own was a **small but life-changing victory**. As we've grown up, many of us are now reading our childhood favorites to the young **children in our own lives**.



Funds from our **Annual Book Campaign** enable us to maintain and grow our dynamic children's collection—from fiction books that **nurture a love of reading** to nonfiction books that unlock a world of facts about dinosaurs, space travel, and US presidents. Free access to these children's books is an **especially important** service for children whose parents cannot afford to purchase these items.

Please consider sponsoring countless children's small victories in reading by **making a gift** of **\$25** (1 book), **\$50** (2 books), **\$100** (4 books), or **more** to this year's Annual Book Campaign. Every dollar of your generous donation will touch the lives of our **12,450 young library cardholders**. We hope we can count on your support with a gift to Martin Library's Annual Book Campaign.

Sincerely,

Paula Gilbert  
Director of Youth Services  
Martin Library

Jeff Hines  
Director  
Martin Library Association Board

