

FIRST BOOK MEMBER PROFILE

ILLINOIS

18,769
Members in Illinois



563,070
Kids Reached



805,586
Resources Distributed



TOP MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

- ✦ Morton Freshman Center
- ✦ Easterseals
- ✦ Marycrest Early Childhood Center
- ✦ Young, Black & Lit
- ✦ Look. It's My Book!

ABOUT FIRST BOOK & OUR NETWORK

First Book is a national, nonprofit social enterprise committed to elevating educational opportunities for children in need. Over the past 30 years, First Book has distributed more than 225 million books and resources to a network of 525,000+ educators working in underserved communities. All educators, caregivers, and providers working in a Title I eligible school, early childhood or out-of-school-time program, shelter, clinic, or other organization in which at least 70% of children served come from low-income families are eligible to join the First Book Community for free.

Benefits of Membership

- Stretch limited budgets — access free and low-cost books and resources for children in low-income, historically excluded communities
- Add voice to the largest and fastest growing community of those working with children in need to help ensure equal access to quality education
- Leverage large-scale resource distribution capability
- Access micro-funding for books and resources

Join the network at FIRSTBOOK.ORG/NPP

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THE STATS

Top Job Titles of Members

Teacher / Teacher's Aide	47.43%
Principal	3.94%
Reading Specialist	5.36%
Program Director	5.31%
Library Staff	3.77%
Other	9.86%

Primary Ages Served

Early Childhood Program	18.44%
Elementary Program	49.09%
Middle School Program	36.28%
High School Program	22.97%

Top Organization Types

School	83.18%
Early Childhood Program	7.02%
Community Organization	2.35%
Out-of-School Program	2.25%
Faith-Based Organization	1.00%
Library	3.07%
Health Department/Clinic	0.84%

Top Focus Areas

General Education	23.41%
Reading / Language Arts	17.50%
Special Education / Need	12.49%
Literacy	6.48%
English Language Learners	9.45%
School Library	4.93%
Early Childhood/Preschool	5.53%

ILLINOIS IMPACT STORY

In 2018, The Chicago Public Schools Department of Literacy and First Book launched an ongoing partnership to fill classrooms with culturally diverse books that will foster interest, motivation, and sustained engagement in independent reading. This infusion of contemporary, culturally relevant books ignited students' interest and motivation and enabled teachers to better implement the independent reading practices they have been honing through CPS's Balanced Literacy Initiative. To date, the partnership has provided culturally relevant infusion sets to 220 K-2 classroom libraries, text sets to support independent reading and book clubs in 3rd-5th grade classrooms in 50 schools, and book credits for 535 teachers, benefitting approximately 16,000 students.

