#### **MARCH 2022**

# **FIRST BOOK MEMBER PROFILE**

## MISSISSIPPI



### **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 40.50%
Library Staff 11.27%
Principal 4.05%
Program Administrator 3.52%
Program Director 8.09%
Other 11.83%

### **Primary Ages Served**

Early Childhood Program	19.30%
Elementary Program	47.60%
Middle School Program	31.31%
High School Program	22.47%

### **Top Organization Types**

School
Early Childhood Program 7.53%
Community Organization 3.94%
Out-of-School Program 1.79%
Faith-based Organization 1.54%
Library 7.89%
Health Department/Clinic 0.67%

#### **Top Focus Areas**

General Education 17.56%	
Reading / Language Arts 24.82%	
Special Education / Need 7.03%	
Literacy 5.40%	
Early Childhood / Preschool 5.63%	
School Library 11.54%	
Other	

### **MISSISSIPPI IMPACT STORY**

The Barksdale Reading Institute works to improve the overall quality of public education in Mississippi through strategic literacy initiatives and providing professional development to teachers and administrators. First Book works closely with Barksdale supporting community partners, such as Reach Out and Read Mississippi and the MS State Department of Education, and strengthening their work empowering parents to work on school readiness skills in the home. As part of an exciting initiative with the Mississippi Children's Museum, First Book also specially curated curriculum-aligned titles for use in educator professional development throughout the state.

