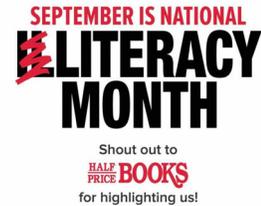




Celebrate literacy month at local bookstores

This month, there are two local retailers you can visit who will make a donation to Page Ahead:

Shop at Half Price Books in September to support Page Ahead! Donate your change to make change in your community. Give at the coin box located at the registers at your local [Half Price Books](#) stores.



Third Place Books

You can shop at all three locations ([Lake Forest Park](#), [Ravenna](#), and [Seward Park](#)) as well as [online](#) to help Third Place Books place books into the hands of children in our community through their [Books to Students Fund](#).

Welcome, new board members!

Page Ahead welcomes Sahit Garapati, Suann Harris, and Kasi Walker to our [board of directors](#).



Shop for a cause



Do you shop at **Fred Meyer** or **QFC**? In one easy step you can link your rewards card to Page Ahead and support children's literacy in our region. Our code is **RA365**. [Sign up here!](#)

Amazon customers can support Page Ahead in the Amazon shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones! [Simply follow these instructions](#) to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations.



School partner spotlight: Concord International Elementary School

This month we're featuring **Concord International School** in the South Park neighborhood of Seattle. First opened in 1914, Concord now offers dual-language immersion in both English and Spanish, giving all students the opportunity to become bilingual.



Page Ahead is proud to be a literacy partner with the Concord community—our first book distribution with Concord was in our first year of operation: 1990! Since then, **more than 1,000 children** have received Page Ahead books, including from our [Book Up Summer program](#). That is **more than 12,000 new books** going to students to stock their home libraries!

I had students ask almost daily from when we ordered the books. They were so looking forward to their books. Overheard on the playground the week of book shopping: "I ordered my books already, did you?" I even had students convincing other students that they should order soon, even if they weren't themselves enthusiastic readers, because "There are graphic novels and everything!"

—Mindy, Concord school librarian

Page Ahead's volunteer of the year

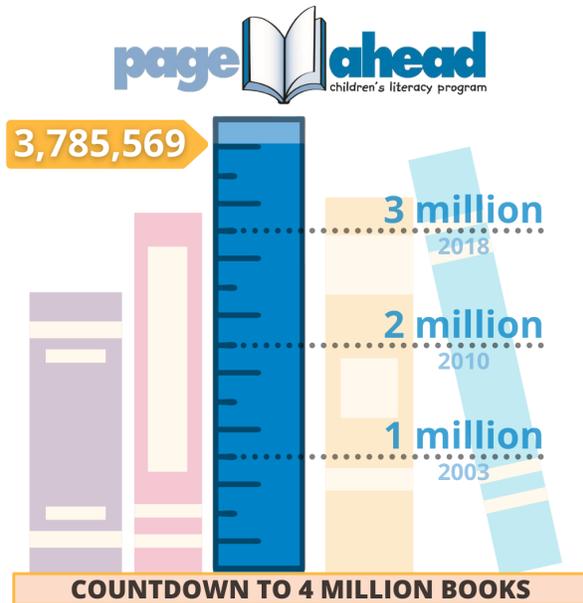
Page Ahead is pleased to present the 2021 Sarajane Beal Award for Volunteer Excellence to Kim Ferse.



Kim began volunteering for Page Ahead in 2017 and quickly became a valued member of Page Ahead's volunteer team. Incredibly dedicated to ensuring kids in need get excited about reading. Kim has read to classrooms of children as a Story Time volunteer for several years and has also helped as a Book Up Summer book fair helper. But in the past year, she accepted the challenge to become project manager for our Book Oasis project. [Read more...](#)



Lisa Cenicerros, literacy programs manager (left), Kim Ferse (center), and Stacey Lane, community engagement & administrative specialist (right)



Counting down to our 4 millionth book

Since 1990, when we gave out our first books under the name Books for Kids, our donors have been instrumental in stocking kids' home libraries. **That support has brought Page Ahead close to a big milestone: 4 million books given to kids who really need them!**

All this school year, we'll be tracking our progress as we get closer to the 4 million mark. Over the last 31 years, **supporters like you have made it possible for us to give away more than 3.7 million books**, but more leave our shelves every week . . .so stay tuned!



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