

# THE WEPAC STORY

Annual Report  
2018/2019

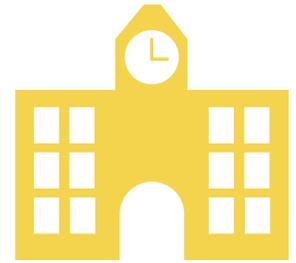
WePAC provides critical access and essential exposure to books in a school setting. It does so through library programs for students in schools serving our most vulnerable and at-risk communities where children are too often starting out behind at birth.



More than 4,000 students checked out 45,151 books during the school year.



210 volunteers provided 3,900 hours of library programming this year.



WePAC currently operates 17 school libraries, and is on track to open 20 libraries by the end of the 20/21 school year.

*Access to great books and literacy resources is an imperative, but one that is too often not met. West Philadelphia Alliance for Children saw a need in the community and stepped up, throwing remarkable efforts behind a simple belief: that kids deserve access to school libraries. The passion that staff and volunteers bring to their work is making a difference in the lives of thousands of young people, and we are honored to award WePAC with this year's Innovations in Reading Prize.*

—David Steinberger, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Book Foundation

## National Recognition

WePAC was awarded the 2019 Innovations in Reading Prize earlier this year by the National Book Foundation. WePAC's innovative work in school libraries was recognized nationally, and we are incredibly proud to hold this distinction.

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*WePAC experienced a profound loss this past winter with the loss of Judith Hyman, long-time WePAC board member, friend, supporter, and passionate advocate. Judith served as Vice President at the time of her passing. Embracing Judith's love for WePAC and her ardent desire for ongoing success, we dedicate this year's annual report to Judith.*



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## Financials

Through the generosity of donors, WePAC is able to direct the majority of its funds raised directly towards programming each year.

2% Fundraising

24% Management

74% Program