



# My Home Library

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What is My Home Library?**

My Home Library is a program that uses a web-based tool hosted by the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation. Through the My Home Library web-based tool, community members are able to sponsor a home library for an economically disadvantaged child. My Home Library was developed in late 2016 in partnership with Credera and a team of volunteer technologists from across the Houston community.

### **How much does a home library donation cost?**

For as little as a tax-deductible gift of \$30 to the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation, members of the community can sponsor a child's home library of six books. However, there is no minimum or maximum donation amount. Through My Home Library, community members can make a general, tax-deductible donation of any amount to support fulfilling home library wish lists.

### **Who benefits from the My Home Library program?**

Economically disadvantaged children in Houston directly benefit from the My Home Library program. My Home Library will be piloted in Spring of 2017 with 600 elementary school-aged children. The Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation will expand the reach of My Home Library to more economically disadvantaged children in subsequent years.

### **Can I find a specific child on the My Home Library website?**

Yes, the My Home Library website is searchable by school, classroom teacher and students' first name and initial of their last name.

### **What books are available on My Home Library?**

Book publishers, including Arté Publico, Bright Sky Press, Longtale Publishing, and Scholastic have provided discounted pricing on books to make sponsoring a child's home library through My Home Library affordable. There are currently nearly 100 popular titles across all reading levels for children to select.



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**How often will the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation run a campaign to support the My Home Library project?**

The Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation intends to run an annual fundraising campaign for the My Home Library project in advance of the summer break when economically disadvantaged children have very limited access to any reading material, including books.

**How can my school apply to participate in My Home Library?**

The Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation is not accepting applications or requests to participate in My Home Library.

**Where can I go to learn more about My Home Library?**

More information is located at [MyHomeLibraryHouston.org](http://MyHomeLibraryHouston.org) or through the main website for the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation at [BushHoustonLiteracy.org](http://BushHoustonLiteracy.org).



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