



JULY 2021

Diverse Books for a Diverse Community Campaign Update

Thank you!

We still need your support!

To our wonderful Friends and community,

Thank you for your great show of support for the Friends' [Diverse Books for a Diverse Community](#) campaign. As of today, we have raised more than \$9,200, nearly two-thirds of our campaign goal of \$15,000 to purchase diverse books and materials, primarily for children.

You have not only shared your financial support for this important initiative; you have also shared your appreciation for this work. Just one example is a former teacher who dedicated her contribution to children and young adults, their parents and dedicated teachers, noting that "children are where we start to instill love, respect, and mutual understanding."

If you haven't yet a donated to the campaign, I invite you to [donate online now](#) using the designation, "diverse books." Friends volunteers will also be accepting donations in person on Saturday, July 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the Library plaza. Donors can select a gently-used book from the Friends and also buy a coffee or other beverage from the B3 coffee popup. (Details below.)

Library staff will use every dollar raised to expand the Library's collection of diverse books and make it even more reflective of our wonderfully diverse community.



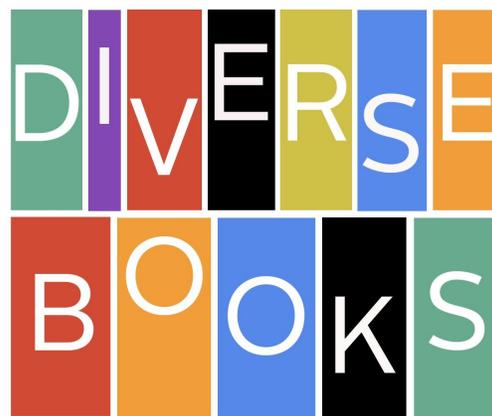
With many thanks,

Karen Curtin

President

Friends of Chapel Hill Public Library

Letter from the Library Director



For A Diverse Community

I am so appreciative of the Friends and our incredibly generous community. Thanks to each of you for [your support of the Diverse Books for a Diverse Community campaign](#). You are making a difference!

Our skilled and knowledgeable staff will use the funds raised to purchase books that reflect our community. We know how important it is for people, especially children, to see themselves represented in the books that they read. It's also important for folks to expand their knowledge of other cultures, ethnicities, and experiences."

That means adding books written by and/or about BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and people of color) as well as people who are differently abled, and neurodiverse. With [your support](#), we can help strengthen our library's ability to meet the needs of our diverse community.

Now that we are open for browsing, I hope to connect with you in the stacks!



With gratitude,

Susan Brown
Library Director



Your support will allow the Library to purchase books like these - reflecting pride, written in languages other than English, penned by diverse authors who reflect our diverse community.

Big Thanks

It truly takes a village. Since the campaign launched on June 1, so many generous members of our village have made donations to our campaign, enabling us to get two-thirds of the way to our goal of raising \$15,000. We are thankful to each and every donor, whether you gave \$1 or \$1,000. We'd love to include you in our efforts so [please donate today](#), selecting "diverse books" in the pulldown menu on our site.



The Friends are so grateful for all of the community support for this campaign. Special thanks to The Chinese School at Chapel Hill which generously donated \$1,000!



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Come Join Us !
Saturday, July 17
10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Library plaza
B3/Friends Pop-up!



We want to celebrate you! Please join the Friends on the Library plaza this Saturday, July 17, between 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. for a fun event we're holding in conjunction with [B3 Coffee](#)! B3 Coffee is a non-profit pop-up coffee shop that serves as a platform of positive visibility and community connection for people of all abilities.

Come meet the great folks of the Friends and B3, purchase delicious beverages and baked goods from B3 (until noon), see the types of materials this campaign will support, and [make a donation to the Diverse Books campaign](#). Everyone who donates will be able to choose a like-new book to take home.

This partnership is a great fit with our campaign since B3 embraces disability as an aspect of human diversity, honoring the individual differences that make up what it means to be human. B3 is exploring the opportunity of a permanent location in the lobby space of the Chapel Hill Public Library when it reopens to full capacity.



Our June popup event was a huge success! Lots of community members learned about our campaign, made donations, and received a like-new book as a thank you from the Friends. Come visit us at our July and/or August popups!

Save the Date!

Campaign Top off and Kids Coin Collection

Join us on Saturday, August 21 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for our final popup of the campaign. Bring your youngsters (and not so young...) with their piggy banks to help push this effort across the finish line. We'll have children's books available for your young philanthropist to select and take home. (We'll also have books for the grownups who donate that day to choose from.) We can't wait to see you!

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