

Rhode Island Center for the Book



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Dear Friend,

The Rhode Island Center for the Book starts a new chapter and needs your help writing the next page! On January 1, 2019 we will officially move forward as an independent nonprofit organization. We are thrilled to announce that our new physical home will be at The Pell Center at Salve Regina University!

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This exciting transition comes with both new opportunities and challenges. Our focus will be continuing to grow and expand the partnerships and fundraising capacity that has allowed us to curate such impactful programming.

The Rhode Island Center for the Book engages our active community of readers, writers, teachers, and book enthusiasts. We promote literacy and the power of books to connect communities and spark meaningful, relevant conversations through a variety of intergenerational programs.

How can you help?

Join the Rhode Island Center for the Book today! Your investment directly supports programming and members receive advance notice of exciting opportunities for book-lovers across the state.

High school student/teacher participation in our programs TRIPLED over the last five years! We have doubled our fundraising efforts and book orders in the last three years, but we are still unable to meet the ever-growing demand: A Providence teacher reported students sneaking books home to read after having been told the copies had to stay in the school building because they had to be shared in multiple classes.

Highlights from 2018:

- **Over 5,000 Rhode Islanders attended Center for the Book events.**
- **We distributed 4,600 books to 101 schools and senior centers and 42 libraries.**
- **We established RI's first Youth Poetry Ambassador Initiative with Tina Cane, RI Poet Laureate**
- **Over 10,000 Rhode Islanders read the 2018 Reading Across Rhode Island selection *The Hate U Give***

We thank you in advance for your support!

Best Wishes,

Kate Lentz
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