



RIF Recommends: Books to Support Black History Month

Celebrate Black History Month by learning about significant contributions and inventions by African Americans in the recent and distant past. Lesson plans from [Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky](#), reading games from [Nobody Owns the Sky](#) and a read-aloud video from [What Color Is My World](#) will delight and inspire your students. Check out RIF's Black History Month Book Collection to learn more about the history and legacy of African Americans.

Community Corner: Club RIF

A RIF program site, Club RIF, located in Bapchule, AZ, gave books and literacy materials to more than 300 students from kindergarten through middle school living in the Gila River community. The book celebration is organized by dedicated literacy advocates who have been supporting children's literacy in their community for over 30 years! Complete with a visit from Clifford the Big Red Dog, face painting, a reenactment of *If You Give A Mouse A Cookie* and, of course, a book distribution, the event was booked with reading fun.



RIF and the Panda Cares Foundation Team Up to Support Nearly 20,000 First Graders

Close to 20,000 first-graders in communities from Salt Lake City, UT to Oakland, CA and across the Pacific Ocean to Honolulu, HI are being given their own books and literacy resources as part of an ongoing partnership between Reading Is Fundamental and the Panda Cares Foundation. Read on for a guest blog from administrators at Riley Elementary, a high-need school in Salt Lake City that received books and reading resources as part of the RIF and Panda Cares partnership.



Help More Kids Fall in Love with Reading

Roses are red, violets are blue, support RIF with a gift and help kids read, too! 25 million U.S. children cannot read proficiently but the literacy crisis is a problem we can solve. Join RIF to create change.



Take Your Family to School with RIF and National PTA

RIF and National PTA are teaming up to maximize local literacy impact during [Take Your Family to School Week](#), February 10-17, with activities to host a [Family Reading Experience!](#) RIF is pleased to offer local PTAs reading resources to support community events, including a curated book list with accompanying literacy resources for each title and the opportunity to order books for read-aloud events or to enhance the school library. Together, RIF and National PTA are creating families of readers in communities nationwide.



Interested in RIF's Matching Grants?

We're pleased to announce the application window for RIF's 2019 Books for Ownership Matching Grant program to allow time for you to start planning and fundraising now. Grant applications open March 1, 2019, and applications are due April 1, 2019. Learn more about the [grant program guidelines](#) and the Books For Ownership Matching Grant program, thanks to the generous support of Macy's.

