



Empowering Students to
Achieve their Dreams

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This Book is Dedicated to....

All of our amazing volunteers & interns!
The families who visited our libraries and StoryTents
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Attitude Center for Education
10,000 Windows
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Jade Guthrie
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Kelley Allen
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Landon Donovan
Abby Clarke Cook
San Diego Sockers
San Diego Loyal
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Rose Sandler
Zelda, Jade, Rosie, and Peach



Why We Love Reading

“Sometimes there are funny words that are fun to laugh at. Also, jokes that characters tell each other.”

-Emma, 3rd grade

“Get to learn more stuff about Star Wars, planets, and neat stuff.”

-Cesar, 3rd grade

“The most fun thing about reading is learning about fun things you didn’t know about before.”

-Isla, 2nd grade

“Reading makes you discover a lot about yourself.”

-Richard, 2nd grade

“It’s exciting to learn new things while reading.”

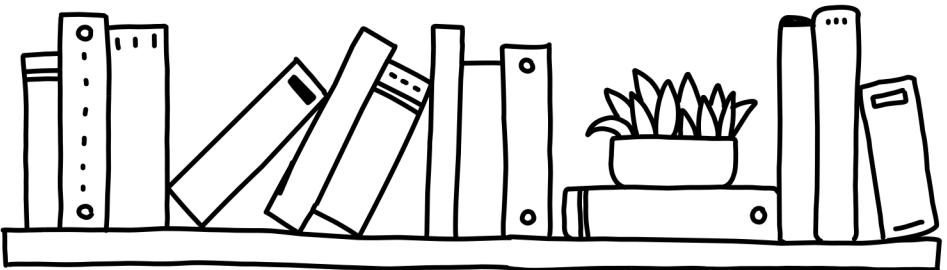
-Madison, 3rd grade

“A book could be sad at the beginning and then happy at the end. I like when it gets different feelings in the book.”

-Ashanti, 3rd grade

“When you read a book you feel like you’re in the book and like the main character.”

-Kaylah, 3rd grade





Our story began with a silly idea in one woman's head. She couldn't keep that idea to herself and so it grew and grew.

World Libraries



Mark where all the
Traveling Stories
Libraries are on
the map!

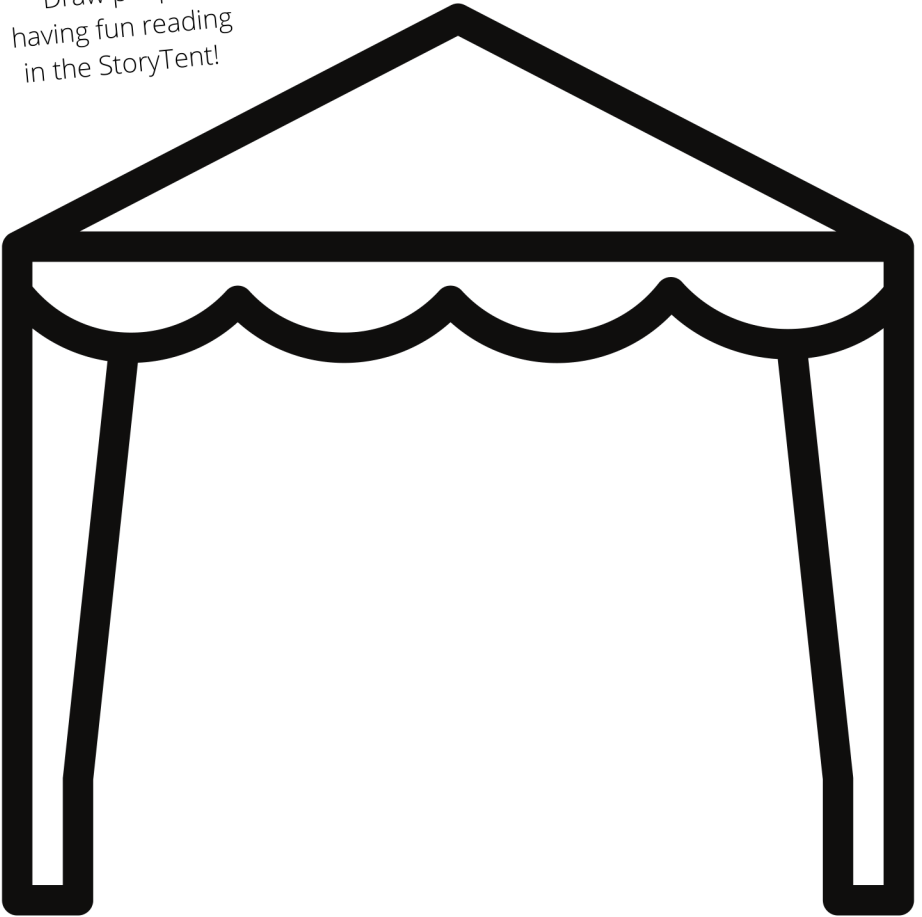


It grew into little libraries in South Sudan, El Salvador, Nicaragua, the Philippines and Cambodia. As a result, 3,000 young people gained access to books for the first time!

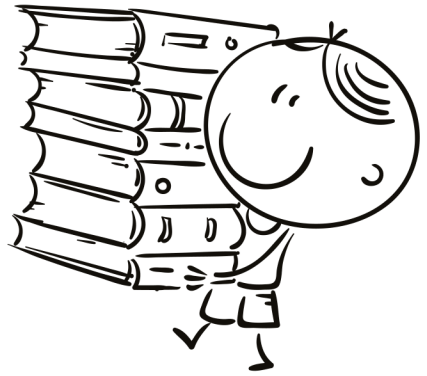
Story Tent

#read2lead

Draw people
having fun reading
in the StoryTent!

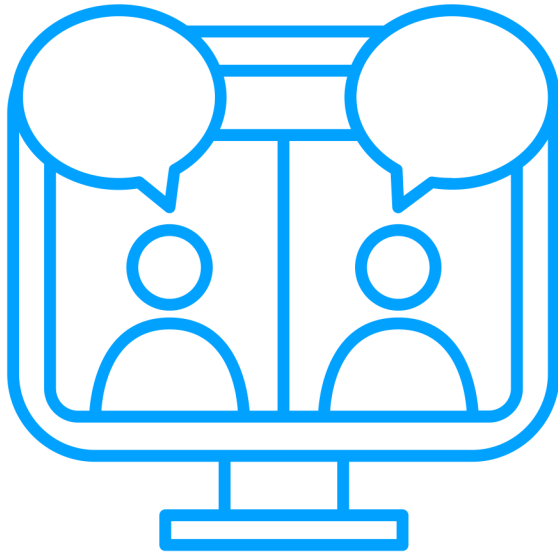


Then it grew into StoryTents at malls and farmers markets. Every child who fell in love with reading at these Tents helped the idea grow even bigger.



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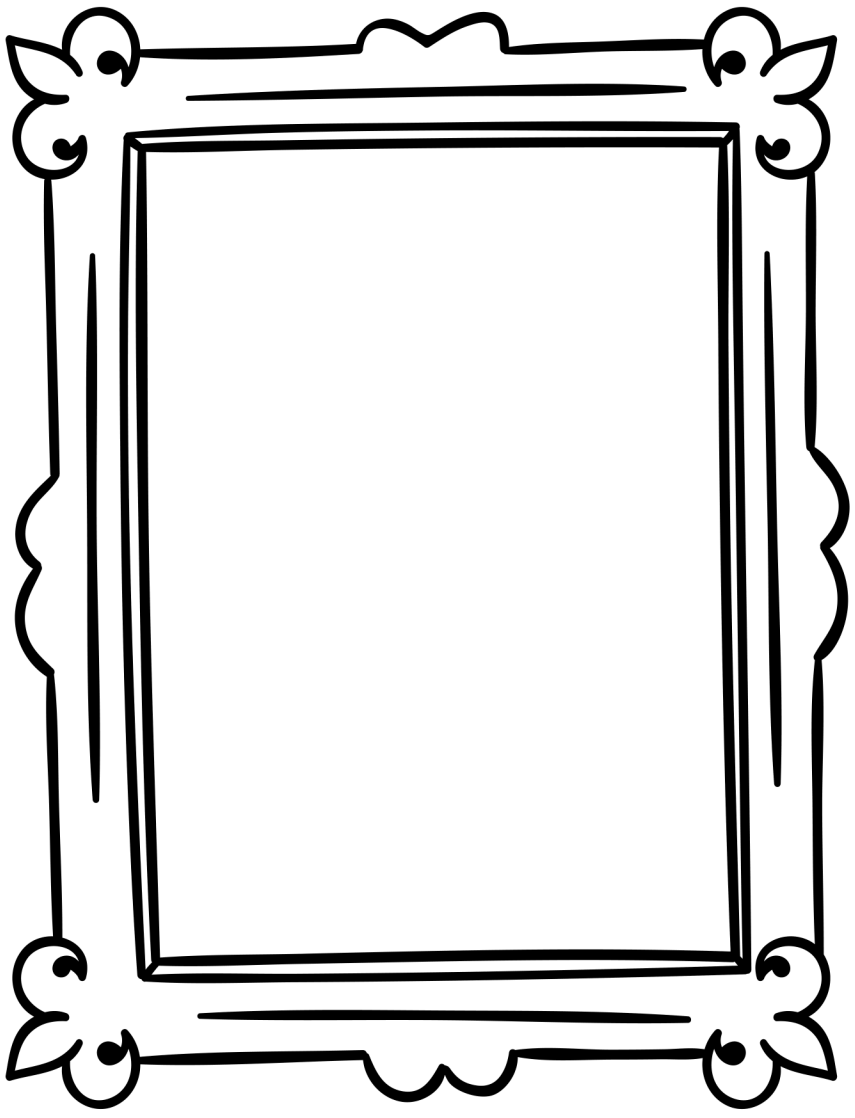
Soon there were StoryTents in many places including City Heights, El Cajon, Santee, Orange County, Imperial Beach, Vista, Turlock, Nashville and even Toronto, Canada. This time, the idea helped more than 7,000 young people!



This idea grew so strong that even a pandemic couldn't stop it! It morphed into the Virtual StoryTent and started serving families online. In just three years, the idea grew to more than 9,000 hours of 1-on-1 reading support and mentorship for children in 1st-3rd grade.

READING HERO

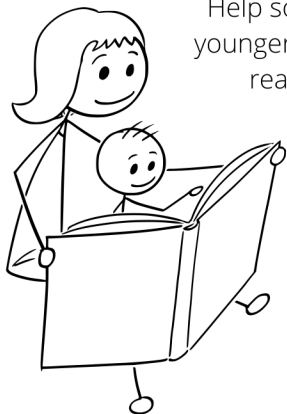
Draw a picture of yourself here!



Now this idea doesn't want to stop just because Traveling Stories is closing. Maybe it's your turn to help the idea grow?

Help the Idea Grow...

Help someone
younger practice
reading



Volunteer

Listen to
Emily
Hanford's
podcasts



Watch "The
Right to Read"



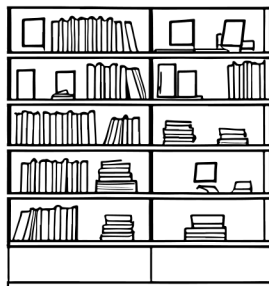
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Free Library



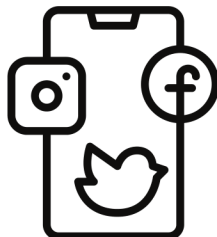
Tell someone
about your
favorite book



Join a Book Club



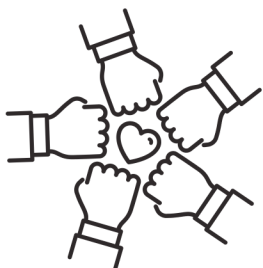
Visit your local library



Share a cause you care
about on Social Media

Did You Know?

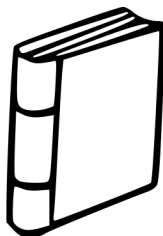
Fun Facts about Traveling Stories



1,445

People Volunteered

We were founded by a
24-year-old



2 of our staff members
have written &
published books



20,717

Volunteer Hours Logged

We're woman-run and
75% of staff were
women



We had over 30 media
appearances!



17,879

Books Given Away

We made famous
friends along the way



- Co-creator of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Kevin Eastman
- Landon Donovan
- Todd McFarlane
- Ryan Sheckler
- Dav Pilkey
- Chiddy Bang



“Start where you are. Use
what you have. Do what
you can.”

-Arthur Ashe

