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"In addition to learning to finish her homework, Tyese also loves playing board games and doing arts and crafts at the Library."

SHAWN JACKSON

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Here is how your gift can help:

\$50 buys a set of career puppets that build narrative and vocabulary skills.

\$100 buys Lego numbers and mosaics sets that foster early math concepts.

\$250 buys a toddler sand and water activity table that encourages exploration and develops critical thinking skills.

\$500 buys a child wooden kitchen set that provides a creative space to develop language and vocabulary.

\$1,000 buys easels for the Library's 10 sites that develop fine motor coordination necessary for building writing skills.

\$2,500 buys a comfortable sofa, armchairs, and table for the new tween area that encourages adolescents to relax, read, and explore library resources.

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Making the Grade =
School Success

Proficiency in reading by the end of third grade is the most important predictor of school success.

Hartford Public Library is helping to ensure school success by playing a critical role in

Making the Grade

for Hartford children Sahishno Mahendran, Nicholas Ocasio, Marquis Cooper, Zaria Eaton, Jada Lugo, and Tyese Jackson.



Your donation helps fund the Library's top priorities:

- ☒ Promoting and improving reading and math
- ☒ Building 21st century job skills
- ☒ Expanding technology access and resources
- ☒ Maintaining public service hours





"The Library helps Sahishno learn—his shapes, colors, how to sing, and do puzzles. And all the programs are absolutely free."

SARANYA MAHENDRAN

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SUPPORTING SCHOOL READINESS

Pre-kindergarten children need to learn literacy basics so they are ready to go to school, and won't fall behind. Playing with educational toys and games helps pre-reading and pre-writing skills. Hartford resident Saranya Mahendran is confident that her son Sahishno will be ready for kindergarten.



LEFT TO RIGHT,
NICHOLAS OCASIO,
ZARIA EATON,
MARQUIS COOPER,
AND JADA LUGO

"My mom said she signed me up for homework club here so that I just don't look at movies, but get my homework done."

NICHOLAS OCASIO

READING TO LEARN

Homework clubs help children use their reading skills to study their textbooks and figure out homework directions. Third grader Nicholas Ocasio knows that the Library's homework club helps him study better.

"My son Nicholas is improving his reading skills at the Library. I'm very grateful!"

MADELYNE DECLET



LEARNING TO READ

Library after-school programs teach reading through stories, songs, and crafts that emphasize alphabet, vocabulary, and narrative skills. Youth librarian Justina Howell helps first grader Tyese Jackson to finish homework on schedule and enjoy educational crafts.

"I learned that reading makes you smart! Because when you grow up, you can read any kind of book that you want and be anything you want!"

TYESE JACKSON



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