



Welcome! To Behind the Book Read-a-thon!

At Behind the Book we believe that every child deserves the freedom that comes from the ability to read and think independently. We work hard to give our students the opportunity to become lifelong readers.

For 12 years we have inspired New York City students in underserved communities to love reading by bringing accomplished authors and their books into classrooms for rich, innovative literacy programs.

For many children the gift of a new book, and the chance to work with its author, makes a huge difference. All the money you raise through this BtB Read-A-Thon will go directly to Behind the Book's literacy programs.

Your efforts will help us grow our community of lifelong readers. And we're so grateful that you'll be joining – just by reading!

Here's how it works:

Tell friends and family that you are reading for Behind the Book. Ask them to support you by sponsoring your reading. Write all your pledges in the Sponsorship Form in this packet.

When your BtB Read-A-Thon begins, use the Reading Log to keep track of all your reading. Watch how those pages, chapters and minutes add up! Remember, every time you read you will be helping share the gift of literacy with another NYC student.

At the end of your BtB Read-A-Thon, add up your minutes / pages/ books and collect the pledges from your sponsors. Give your reading logs and sponsorship sheets to your teacher. Then, to make your donation:

How to make your donation:

Option 1: Go online to donate your child's pledges directly, at www.behindthebook.org/donate. Make sure to note your child's name, class and school in the "In Honor of" section. Be sure to send the sponsorship forms and log back to your teacher.

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Option 2: Give the money you collect to your teacher, together with the sponsorship forms and reading log.

Student Name: _____

Grade / Teacher: _____

Donation Method (please circle one): Option 1 Option 2