The Baltimore Elementary and Middle School Library Project is a public, private, and philanthropic partnership that transforms Baltimore City's public school libraries in neighborhoods where many students face educational and economic challenges, with the goal of improving academic achievement.

Launched in 2011, the Library Project now serves over 7,700 students and their families annually through 17 school libraries, with the support of over 30 federal, state, and local partners.

Numerous national studies document the critical importance of childhood literacy for success in school and life. A recent third-party evaluation of the Library Project demonstrates its impact in this and other areas:

- The average number of **book checkouts** at Library Project libraries is **five times higher** than at other schools. The libraries also have nearly **five times as many internet-accessible devices.**

- The libraries foster a **more positive school environment**, with higher school-climate ratings from students and teachers. Schools also reported **higher standardized test scores** in English language arts.

- The libraries are a **resource for families**, helping to meet critical needs such as food and clothing, encouraging adult learning, and providing access to technology for parents' personal and professional use.

The Library Project is sending a simple but powerful message to the students of Baltimore City — that each child deserves the best.
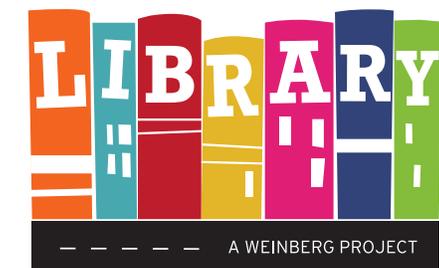
In 2011, a group of innovative and committed individuals crossed sectors and came together to improve the lives of Baltimore City students in an unprecedented way.

For a complete list of Library Project partners and to learn more, please visit **www.baltimorelibraryproject.org**.

Amazing transformations

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The Historic Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Elementary School

Inspiring, well-equipped, well-staffed spaces

2020

The Maryland School for the Blind

2017

Hampden Elementary/Middle School

2015

The Commodore John Rodgers School

2014

Morrell Park Elementary/Middle School

2013

Arlington Elementary School

2012

Moravia Park Elementary School

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