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## **BALTIMORE LIBRARY PROJECT BOOK DRIVE RAISES MORE THAN \$11,000**

DONATIONS WILL PROVIDE AT LEAST 1,500 BOOKS FOR YEAR 4 SCHOOLS

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BALTIMORE (June 2, 2015) – The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, one of the largest private foundations in the United States, announced today the final results of the 4th Annual Community Book Drive in support of The Baltimore Elementary and Middle School Library Project (the Library Project).

More than \$11,000 was collected through online and cash donations that will purchase more than 1,500 brand new, hard-cover children's books for the Library Project Year 4 (2015) Schools: Westport Academy and the Commodore John Rodgers Elementary Middle School.

In addition, nearly 1,000 books were collected at more than 40 sites throughout the greater Baltimore metropolitan area. New children's books will be used in this year's new libraries. Gently used books collected during March and April will benefit the Maryland Book Bank, one of more than 40 supportive Library Project partners.

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation would like to thank all of the Library Project partners, community members, and organizations that took part in the 2015 Book Drive. This year's event included unique and powerful efforts to support new books for new libraries:

- The second "Pay it Forward Penny Challenge" was a huge success with students at eight existing Library Project schools collecting more than \$2,500 in spare change for this year's sites. Special congratulations to the students, families, and faculty of The Historic Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Elementary School where kids collected nearly \$1,000 in change! Click [here](#) to see the pennies adding up!
- Wells Fargo held its first "Dress Down for Books" day. More than 60 Wells Fargo stores throughout the region participated by offering staff the opportunity to dress casually on a Friday in exchange for at least one new children's book. The sartorial incentive paid off with a dazzling 600 books collected by Wells Fargo -- in one day!

The Weinberg Foundation and its Library Project partners look forward to the grand openings of our two newest libraries that will be celebrated publically with a single event in September 2015. For more information on the Library Project, please visit [www.baltimorelibraryproject.org](http://www.baltimorelibraryproject.org).

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### **About The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation**

*The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, one of the largest private charitable foundations in the United States, provides approximately \$100 million in annual grants to nonprofits that provide direct services to low-income and vulnerable individuals and families, primarily in the U.S. and Israel. Grants are focused on meeting basic needs and enhancing an individual's ability to meet those needs with emphasis on older adults, the Jewish community, and our hometown communities of Maryland, Northeastern Pennsylvania, and Hawaii. The trustees, some of whom also serve as executive officers of the Foundation, are Donn Weinberg, Barry I. Schloss, Robert T. Kelly, Jr., Alvin Awaya, and Chair Ellen M. Heller. Rachel Garbow Monroe serves as the Weinberg Foundation's President and Chief Executive Officer.*