A Book Project to Bind a Community Together
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In order to be really good as a librarian, everything counts towards your work, every play you go see, every concert you hear, every trip you take, everything you read, everything you know. I don’t know of another occupation like that. The more you know, the better you’re going to be.” -- Allen Smith
The Inspiration

Franklin County Public Library Bicentennial Project

Hagerstown Library
1000 Books Before Kindergarten Journal

Teen Ink
Produce a unique publication of various types of writing from local authors and poets to reflect and celebrate our community.
Hagerstown Bound

The Ideal

- Broad Community Engagement
- New Partnerships
- Reinvent Perception of Libraries
- Community Heirloom
- Inspiration Generator
The Plan

- Call for submissions
- Select the best ones
- Compile into book format
- Use self-publishing platform to produce and distribute print book
- Have an open house to celebrate authors
- Sell books as fundraiser
The Process

- Promotion
- Editing and formatting
- Online interface (Lulu.com)
- Proofing
- Taking orders and distributing
The Product

- 11 submissions
- 91 pages
- Approximately 25 books sold or given away
- 40+ people attended open house
The sequel

• Summer Creation Season Start
• 38 submissions
• Broad participation from schools
• “Family and Home”
• November Announcement of Selected Authors
• December Book Release and Open House
Questions?

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