



2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with immense gratitude for the journey we have embarked upon together at Books & Beyond Reading Club. The year 2022-23 has been a monumental one for us as we successfully transitioned back to in-person classrooms across the board.

It is with great joy that we have witnessed the power of human connection and the transformative impact of face-to-face interactions. Our dedicated team of volunteers has worked tirelessly to create a safe and engaging environment that fosters a love for reading among our students.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to our incredible team for standing by us during this transitional period. Together, we have triumphed over adversity and continued to ignite the flame of curiosity and imagination in the hearts of our students.

Looking ahead, we will strive to enhance our programs further, broaden our reach, and empower more young minds through the magic of storytelling. With the unwavering contribution of our supporters, I am confident that the Books & Beyond Reading Club will continue to make a profound difference in the lives of countless students, one book at a time.

Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey.

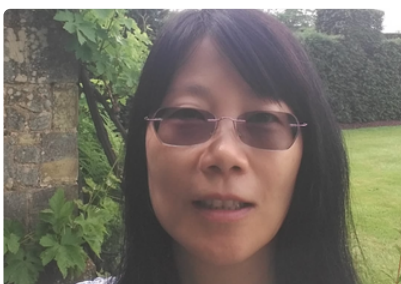
Warm regards,
Barbara Kwok



By harnessing the transformative power of reading, the Books & Beyond Reading Club reignites students' passion for learning through engaging literary experiences.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PROGRAM LEADERS

As Program Leaders, we are humbled and inspired by the incredible dedication and passion shown by our volunteers at Books & Beyond. In 2023, we witnessed the unwavering commitment of our volunteers as we transitioned back to in-person classrooms with primary and secondary school students. Their tireless efforts and unwavering support have created a nurturing environment where students thrive. We thank them for being the driving force behind our success.



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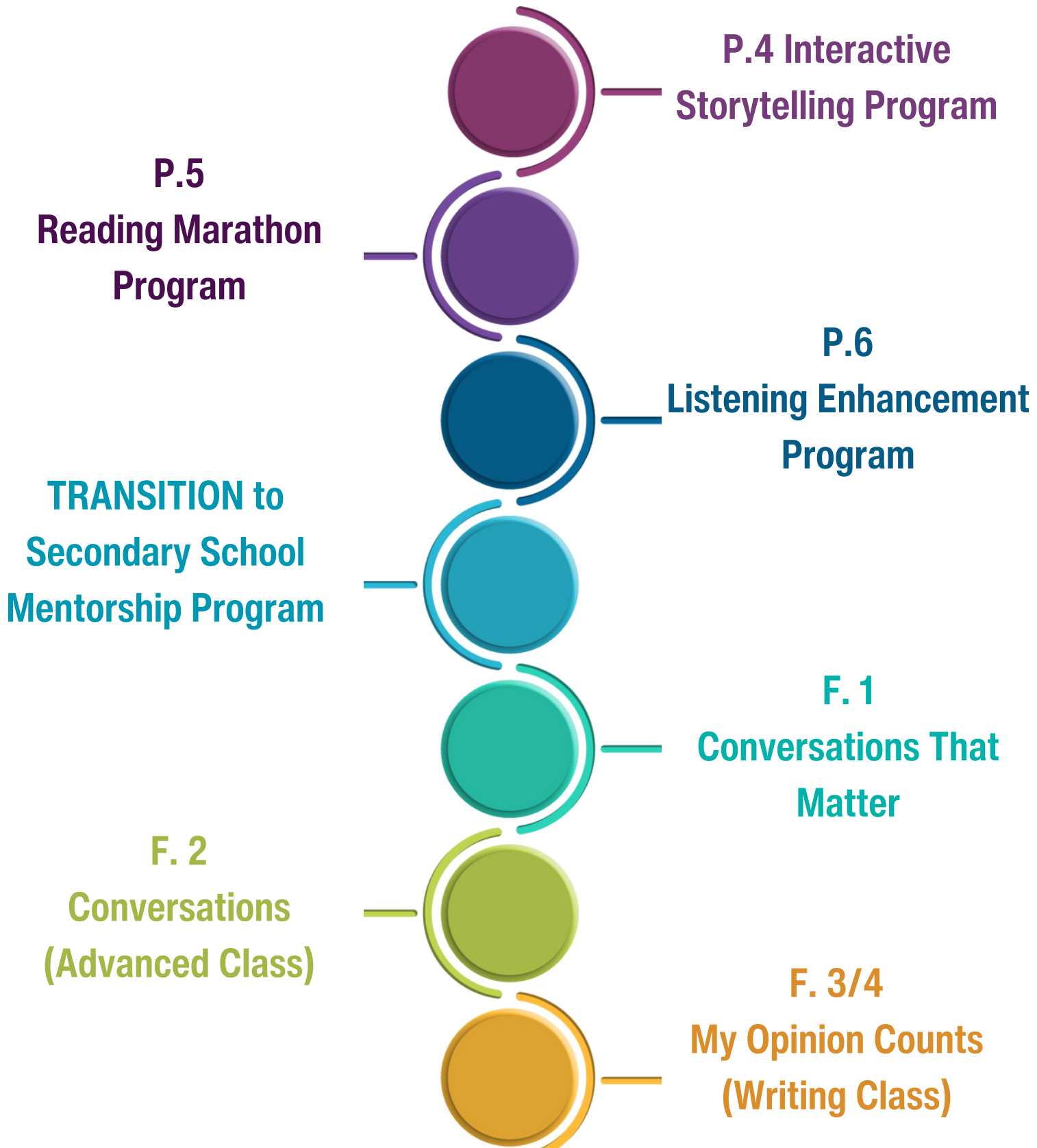
Pui Pui Yau

Sandra Leong

Volunteers at Books & Beyond illuminate minds and ignite a love of reading.

2022/23 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This program overview highlights our initiatives that not only foster education, but also inspire growth and create a lasting impact in our communities.



2022/23

IMPACT REPORT

This comprehensive Impact Report of the transformative work undertaken by Books & Beyond highlights the tangible outcomes and positive changes we have achieved. Through our dedicated programs and initiatives, we have made significant strides toward our mission, empowering individuals, fostering education, and creating lasting social impact.

16,173

Online



Completed



3,424

Beneficiaries



5,155

Volunteer
Hours



532

Hours of
Storytelling
Classes



192

Hours of
Conversation
Classes



145

Mentorship
Hours



\$25,300

Scholarship



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We have continuously enhanced our **Interactive Storytelling Program** to boost student engagement, resulting in increased effectiveness. Furthermore, we introduced supplementary in-person **Reading Marathon Classes** to provide additional support for students grappling with comprehension of marathon stories and exercises. This initiative has proven to be successful in addressing their specific needs.

To enhance students' attention, we implemented Zoom classes within the classroom during the **Listening Enhancement Program**. This approach yielded remarkable results, as students exhibited improved focus and engagement, leading to enhanced learning outcomes.

As part of our transition towards a fully in-person program, we conducted a trial run of in-person classes towards the conclusion of the **Conversations That Matter Program**. The trial was a significant milestone, showcasing the feasibility and potential benefits of this approach while yielding encouraging outcomes.

Our dedicated volunteers have played a vital role in providing ongoing support to secondary school students. Their unwavering dedication has ensured seamless continuity and enhanced progress for the students, significantly contributing to the success of our **Conversations (Advanced)** and **My Opinion Counts Writing Programs**.

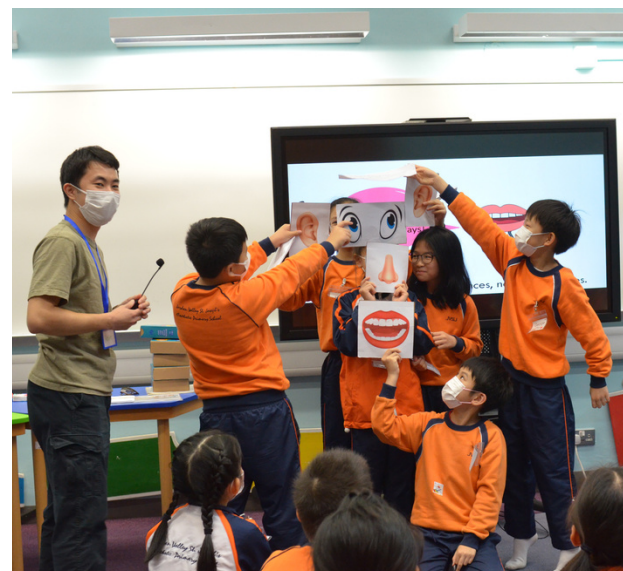


VISIONARY VENTURES

1. **Administration:** We will implement streamlined processes and utilize technology to simplify volunteer onboarding, placement, and management. By optimizing our administrative operations, we aim to maximize our resources and enhance the overall effectiveness of our NGO.

2. **Reading Marathon (RM):** Building upon the notable improvements achieved in the RM classes, we will introduce an additional series of RM classes specifically tailored for students with lower proficiency levels. This expansion will allow us to provide targeted support and personalized learning experiences, empowering students at all levels to develop their reading skills and foster a love for literature.

3. **Conversations That Matter (CTM):** As part of our visionary venture, we will select a group of exceptional students from the CTM class to participate in a Zoom storytelling program. This initiative aims to go beyond the classroom setting and provide students with an opportunity to further enhance their English language proficiency.



FINANCIAL REPORT

This financial summary is based on audited financial statements from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023.

Salaries	0
Activities cost	42,318
Auditor's Remuneration	5,000
Computer & accessories	13,778
Depreciation	6,140
Printing & stationery	938
Scholarship Sponsor	25,300
Sundry Expenses	34,353
Telephone & Internet	1,957
Transportation & deliveries	<u>27,165</u>
TOTAL	<u>156,949</u>



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Partner Schools

Jordan Valley St. Joseph's Primary School
HHCKLA Buddhist Ching Kok Lin Association School
Kei Chun Primary School
NTWJWA Leung Sing Tak Primary School
HKTA Wun Tseung Ng Lai Wo Memorial School
Ng Wah Catholic Primary School
Our Lady of China Catholic Primary School
Sau Mau Ping Catholic Primary School
Shek Lei St. John's Catholic Primary School
Shamshuipo Kaifong Welfare Association Primary School
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