Who inspired you to love to read?

Who inspired you to love to read? Do you recall a time when someone helped you discover the joy of reading? How did you learn to appreciate books? Jeremy from Street Library in Brownsville, Brooklyn, said, "I like reading fantasy because it opens my mind up. Ms. Douglass, my kindergarten teacher, taught me to love reading. I didn't like reading before being in her class, then she started reading to us."

By bringing books and creative activities into under-resourced neighborhoods every week, Street Library becomes a setting where imagination, curiosity, and a love of reading can be nourished and grow. Donate this giving season so Jeremy and hundreds of other children can read and be inspired by books throughout another year at Street Library!

Adopt a Street Library for you and your loved ones

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Two ways to get involved

1. DONATE
You can adopt a Street Library by donating to ATD Fourth World at 4thworldmovement.org/street-library. Donations go directly to Street Library programs in the United States. You will receive news about Street Libraries and families who are part of them throughout 2018. You can also adopt a Street Library in the name of a friend, family member, teacher, librarian, and others as a gift. We’ll let them know of your gift and send them the news too!

2. SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA WHO INSPIRED YOU TO LOVE READING
Post a photo of yourself on Facebook with your favorite book, answer the question below, and add the following phrases:
"I support Street Library which inspires children to love to read. Join me: 4thworldmovement.org/street-library #LoveReading"

Tag another person and ask them the same question and to join you in this campaign!

Question: Who inspired you to love to read?
Tell about why or a time you remember reading with this person.

Here's an example: My 3rd grade teacher was enthusiastic about reading. She introduced the Magic Tree House book series, and they opened up a whole new world full of magic and adventures to me! I couldn't fall asleep because I kept imagining what would happen on the next page. That's why I support Street Library which inspires children to read. Join me: 4thworldmovement.org/street-library #LoveReading @Maria Sandvik (Friend's name), share who inspired you to love to read!
Books, stories, music, and artistic activities make Street Libraries places where discovery and creativity grow into lifelong learning skills for children living in under-resourced communities. Children and families join a respectful and stimulating atmosphere where they gain valuable skills and friendships that are essential to overcoming the daily challenges of poverty. They bring their own skills, learn from one another, and in doing so are positive change makers who transform their community.
I grew up reading and being read to. My dad used to read the Jungle Book to me at bedtime. I lived in France as a child and so many of the books were adventure stories about other countries. Now I really enjoy reading with my grandchildren.

Steve Marth, from Georgia

My dad would bring me as a young child to the public library where I could get books to read as leisure: James and the Giant Peach and other titles by Roald Dahl and Yertle the Turtle and others by Dr. Seuss. Of course reading served to get me good grades and get degrees, but dad wanted to encourage that in my entire life. It was his way almost, of teaching me to pray.

Henri André Fourroux III, Librarian in New Orleans

Share your story now and invite others to join you using the hashtag #LoveReading

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