

# FALL 2020

## **Stay Connected!**

Multimodal and accessible resources are more important than ever in these days of social distanced and remote-learning. The Build a Better Book network continues to explore creative ways of staying connected to students and the BVI community. Read on for upcoming activities and resources to keep your BBB programs going.



### Webinar: Building Relationships with BVI Partners Panel Discussion October 21, 2020 / 12pm (PST), 3pm (EST)

Join us for this panel discussion intended to open up a conversation around building personal relationships between students and BVI partners during the time of COVID, responding to relevant challenges together, and the difference between working with versus for someone.

Panelists: Luanne Burke, Jimmy Uharriet Moderators: Janet Hollingsworth & Abraham Orozco Register here to receive Zoom link.





## 3D Giving Day Registration October-November 2020

Register now to get your 3D Giving Day program started! Build a Better Book and <u>3Doodler</u> are inviting you to create tactile books and games from October - November in time to donate finished projects to BVI organizations or members in your community on 3D Giving Day, **December 1, 2020**. Access resources, program ideas, and how-to's for 3D Giving Day.

## Summer Webinars Available

It's not too late to view these inspiring sessions led by Build a Better Book Network Partners that explore new ways to implement BBB projects. From integrating BBB into classrooms and curriculum, to meeting the current challenges of BBB in remote and on-line learning environments, these webinars will get you thinking creatively about your BBB programs for the upcoming year. <u>Find them on the BBB News</u> <u>and Events page.</u>



#### **New Web Resources**

Check out the BBB website for new <u>Resources</u> including information on 3D Giving Day, Creating Tactile Graphics, and Book lists for BVI and Empathy building. We also have new designs in our Gallery for boardgames and books. If you have a design you would like to submit, <u>please fill out this form</u>. We welcome new submissions of tactile projects that can be re-created or adapted.

## **BBB** Partner Highlights



### Laredo Public Libraries

The Laredo Public Libraries was recently awarded a \$10,000 Texas Reads Grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The funding will go towards purchasing equipment and materials to support the library's Build a Better Book initiative that will teach teens and adult volunteers technology skills and offer avenues for exploring STEM career paths through the creation of multimodal books and games. Congratulations to Laredo Public Libraries! Read more



#### **Empathy Expo**

Public librarian Christina Keasler and John Bowers, a teacher from Ben Franklin Elementary school in Glen Ellyn, Illinois led multi-week workshops with their students in partnership with the Philip J. Rock Center for the Deaf and Blind to create tactile books, games, and art which were showcased at an Empathy Expo for the community in January 2020. <u>Read more</u>

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