

WINTER 2021-2022

A Successful BBB Year

As we wrap up the end-of-year reports, it's gratifying to see how much was accomplished throughout the BBB Network with creativity, collaboration, and persistence. Despite the challenges created by remote and hybrid learning, BBB still made a difference to students, teachers, and librarians across the country.

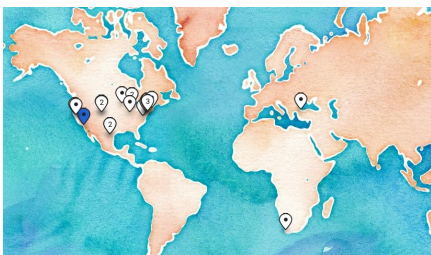
- 465 students participating in BBB programs
- 3 BBB webinars and a 2-day virtual conference with 124 participants & 282 YouTube views
- 9 conference and professional development workshops for 284 teachers & librarians
- Over 100 tactile books, games and curriculum kits sent to visually impaired students or made available for check-out



Build a Better Book in 2022

BBB is starting a new 4-year [NSF ITEST award!](#) This funding allows us to study the influences of longer-term, empathy-driven engineering experiences on teens' perceptions of engineering and STEM careers. It will also support the testing and improvement of student-designed products, as teen interns work to refine products from early prototype to final product. We will begin pilot projects at BBB - University of Colorado and with partner sites in:

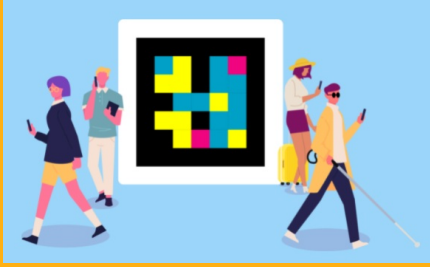
- New Jersey - Mountain Lakes Public Library
- Alabama - Trussville City Schools
- Massachusetts - The Possible Zone



BBB Virtual Conference

Are you interested in launching a Build a Better Book program or looking for new ways to adapt BBB to your organization? In September, we hosted a virtual conference to provide a foundational overview of BBB for new partners and to showcase the work of existing partners. If you were unable to join us for the virtual conference or are looking for inspiration, you can still view the session videos at your leisure on the BBB website Resources page.

BBB New Tools



NaviLens for Schools

Tim Fahlberg from the Wisconsin School for the Blind and Visually Impaired introduced us to a new app called [NaviLens](#) that works like a QR code, but can be scanned from long distances, provide navigation, and audio guidance. Watch Tim's webinar: [Intro to NaviLens](#) and download a set of free [NaviLens Codes for Schools!](#)



Building Empathy

At the core of Build a Better Book is the need for designers to build empathy and understand the needs and experiences of their clients. We've added new resources to the BBB Resources page to help you work with your students. Check out these videos on [Building Empathy](#) and these [book and movie lists](#) with positive portrayals of people with disabilities.

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year!



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