

Hi,

My name is Daisy Eller. I am 11 years old and I go to Central Park School for Children. When I was little, I lived in New York City. Then, when I was three, we moved to Durham, North Carolina.

The first house we moved into, we didn't have much stuff. Soon after we moved, I started school at EK Powe Elementary. There was a big library there. We would have the Writer's Expo every year in the library and it was such a special thing to be able to read my original stories out loud in that nice library.

When I was 8, not long after we moved into our second house, my family started having trouble with money, so to pass the time, I took on a new hobby: reading. I forgot to mention that I'm dyslexic, so reading has always come as a challenge to me, even though I really love it.

Durham is building a brand new downtown branch of the library, and it's going to be so amazing. I hope that all the cities in North Carolina can make their libraries be really nice too. It's important to have a free place of learning for everyone.

When I turned 11, I graduated 5th grade and moved on to 6th grade at Central Park School for Children Middle School. Right after moving into 6th grade, me and my best friend Carrie, started helping our fusion teacher in the school library. When we first started, the library was a mess. But my mission is to make a big difference in how people think of libraries. I don't think people realize how beautiful libraries are. It is important to me and needs to be important to way more people. The kids and teachers at school are impressed with how much it's improved since we started helping there.

I would be so grateful for the opportunity to with this trip to DC, so I could talk about how much libraries mean to me. My best friend Carrie is also entering, so it would be so so so much to me if Carrie could win too.