

## **Denver Broncos Foundation and Heart of America Unveil Renovated Library at Ashley Elementary to Champion Literacy and Learning**

In another powerful show of support for the Denver community, the [Denver Broncos Foundation](#) teamed up with [Heart of America](#) to unveil a renovated and restocked library at Ashley Elementary School last Tuesday. The Heart of America team redesigned the space to enhance the learning environment and boost literacy, adding books, updated furniture, and new technology to create an inviting area for students to read, learn, and grow.

As part of the Denver Broncos Foundation's ongoing partnership with [Reading Partners Colorado](#), volunteers spent the morning transforming the space into a vibrant, welcoming hub where Reading Buddies can engage one-on-one with students. Cozy reading nooks with soft seating and new carpeting invite students to settle in with a book, while designated areas for one-on-one tutoring, virtual learning stations, and flexible seating make the space versatile for small groups or larger collaborative projects. The walls now display the school's colors, motto, and inspirational quotes.

For Ashley Elementary, a culturally and linguistically diverse school with a significant percentage of students qualifying for Free and Reduced-Price Lunches (FRPL), the investment in the students' education is deeply felt and appreciated.

The event was commemorated with a ribbon cutting attended by various community figures, including Shontel Lewis, City of Denver Councilwoman; Dr. Carrie Olson, Board President of Denver Public Schools (DPS); and Heather Bock, President of the Denver Public Schools Foundation. Broncos players Levelle Bailey, Dondrea Tillman, and Jordan Miller also joined to support the event.

This is the second collaborative project this year from the Denver Broncos Foundation and Heart of America. In May, the two organizations joined forces to design and build a wellness van for use by the [Denver Area Youth Services \(DAYs\)](#) to provide vital mental health services, a project that continues to provide impact and value for vulnerable students.

"There's so much that goes into academic success," says Jill Hardy Heath, CEO of Heart of America. "And we are proud to partner with the Denver Broncos Foundation to help give Denver's youth the best chance to thrive in school. The new library at Ashley Elementary will be a safe, inspiring place for kids to discover books and develop a lifelong love of reading. These experiences all contribute to a supportive and inspiring educational journey that lays the foundation for future success."

[Scholastic](#) also played a key role in supporting the event, which concluded with a celebratory Scholastic Book Fair. Each student attending had the opportunity to choose three books for themselves, free of charge, while the school itself received 300 new books to enhance its collection.

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