

## LIBRARIES WITHOUT BORDERS



### ABOUT LWB

Libraries Without Borders (LWB) is an international non-profit committed to expanding access to information for underserved communities and families. By meeting people where they are and addressing the issues most relevant to their lives, our programs help enable communities to gain the crucial skills they seek. LWB created the Wash & Learn Initiative (WALI) in 2016 as a means to make library tools and services more accessible for families below 200% of the poverty line.

### ABOUT WALI

The Wash and Learn Initiative (WALI) is a partnership between local libraries and community-based organizations (CBOs) to bring library resources and programming into laundromats. These resources include an internet connection, laptops and/or tablets, books and bookshelves, and other educational materials. Partnering libraries and CBOs provide regular, in-person programming, turning the available resources into a dynamic and effective community-oriented space for literacy and learning.

### WALI FACTS

**FILLING THE GAP.** In sampled laundromats, 60% of families own less than 20 children's books.



years



states



sites



books

Dr. Susan Neuman's research found that literacy programs and resources inside laundromats significantly enhance children's access to print and time spent on activities that support school readiness such as talking, reading, singing, writing, and playing. [See her research on the impact.](#)

### PAST MEDIA COVERAGE



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# National Locations

## MICHIGAN

Coin Laundry- Detroit  
Coinless Laundromat - Detroit  
Seven Van Laundromat - Detroit

## NORTH CAROLINA

The Wash House - Durham  
The Wash House -,Durham

## MARYLAND

Sudsville Laundry 1- Baltimore  
Sudsville Laundry 2 - Baltimore  
Laundry City West - Baltimore  
HIPP Laundromat - Baltimore

## CALIFORNIA

Family Laundry - Oakland

## MINNESOTA

Giant Wash Coin Laundry - Saint Paul  
Tidalwave Laundromat - Anoka  
Giant Wash Coin Laundry - Shakopee  
East 10 Laundry - Moorhead

## NEW YORK

Lavanderia Express IV Inc - The Bronx

## PENNSYLVANIA

Olympia Coin Laundry - McKeesport  
Sudsy's Laundromat - South Park Township

## TEXAS

EZ Wash St. Cloud - San Antonio  
EZ Wash Culebra - San Antonio

# Testimonials

"What was once a 'nice to have' is now a 'must have.' Without a wired internet connection in the home, kids can't do their homework, people can't apply for jobs. It's really that critical."

**-Jane Brown President, Deutsch Foundation**

"Every time I come here, even if Eli isn't here, I bring him back a new book. It's just so important to have these spaces where I or someone else can read with him. (Wash & Learn) has helped him use his imagination more, and when he sees the pictures (in books) he can figure out what is going to happen in the story."

**-Deja Benitez, Mother Laundromat Patron**

