



Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State
Minnesota Public Benefit Corporation / Annual Benefit Report
Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 304A



Read the instructions before completing this form
Must be filed by March 31
Filing Fee: \$55 for expedited service in-person, \$35 if submitted by mail

The Annual Benefit Report covers the 12 month period ending on December 31 of the previous year.
Notice: Failure to file this form by March 31 of this year will result in the revocation of the corporation's public benefit status without further notice from the Secretary of State, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 304A.301

1. Corporate Name: (Required) Catalyst Books & Gifts, SBC

2. The public benefit corporation's board of directors has reviewed and approved this report.

3. In the field below, enter the information required by section 304A.301 subd. 2 or 3 for the period covered by this report, (see instructions for further information): Note: Use additional sheets if needed. (Required)

- see separate sheet -

4. I, the undersigned, certify that I am the chief executive officer of this public benefit corporation. I further certify that I have signed this document no more than 30 days before the document is delivered to the secretary of state for filing, and that this document is current when signed. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Miriam Krause

Signature of Public Benefit Corporation's Chief Executive Officer

28 March 2022

Date (Must be dated within 30 days before the report is delivered to the Secretary of State for Filing)

Email Address for Official Notices

Enter an email address to which the Secretary of State can forward official notices required by law and other notices:

admin@catalystbooks.org

Check here to have your email address excluded from requests for bulk data, to the extent allowed by Minnesota law.

List a name and daytime phone number of a person who can be contacted about this form:

Miriam Krause

763-412-9315

Contact Name

Phone Number

Entities that own, lease, or have any financial interest in agricultural land or land capable of being farmed must register with the MN Dept. of Agriculture's Corporate Farm Program.

Does this entity own, lease, or have any financial interest in agricultural land or land capable of being farmed?

Yes No

**Additional sheet for Minnesota Public Benefit Corporation / Annual Benefit Report
Catalyst Books & Gifts, SBC
March 26, 2022**

Specific Benefit described in articles of incorporation:

Catalyst Books & Gifts, SBC provides a welcoming space for people to buy science-related books and gifts while promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in science/STEM. The store will support minoritized scientists, artists, and writers, and change the culture of science and academia both directly and indirectly. The Corporation will pursue its mission directly through promoting works by BIPOC, disabled, LGBTQIA+, and other minoritized creators. The Corporation will pursue its mission indirectly by donating proceeds from sales to organizations working to diversify and decolonize STEM; dismantle racist, sexist, and ableist structures; and improve the culture of science and academia.

Annual benefit Report Requirements

(1)with regard to the period covered by the report, a narrative description of:

(i)the ways in which the corporation pursued and created the specific public benefit stated in its articles

Catalyst Books & Gifts pursued and created the specific public benefit stated in its articles in several ways during 2021. The most prominent was through featuring books on its website and in-person events that support the mission of promoting DEI in STEM and supporting works by minoritized creators, including 28 books for adults, 25 books for children, and 7 books featured for pre-order. In addition, \$165 was donated across three non-profit organizations: Academics for Black Survival and Wellness, STEAM Connection, and the Algorithmic Justice League. Finally, the company's social media accounts (predominantly the Twitter account @CatalystSciBks) were used to regularly amplify messages related to the specific benefit mission of the company.

(ii)the extent to which that specific public benefit purpose was pursued and created

Quantitative measures of the extent to which the public benefit purpose was pursued include amount of money donated to non-profit organizations (\$165), the number of books sold related to the store's specific benefit mission (46, or 40% of books sold), and social media reach (the store's Twitter account gained 56 followers over the 4 months between launching in September 2021 and the end of the year).

(iii)any circumstances that hindered efforts to pursue or create the specific public benefit

As the company was founded in June 2021 and existed almost entirely online (with the exception of three in-person pop-up events), one primary hindrance to pursuing the specific public benefit was simply the small scale and reach of the business. Related to this, only one member of the Board of Directors member was recruited in 2021. One goal for 2022 is to improve both of these limitations by recruiting additional Board members and expanding the customer base of the store.

(2)a certification that its board of directors has reviewed and approved the report

This report was emailed to the Catalyst Books & Gifts Board for approval on March 27, 2022.



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