

## Meera Mehta - BookSmiles Ambassador

Meera Mehta is from Glen Ridge, NJ, and has been collecting books for BookSmiles since 2022, with over 20,000 books donated to BookSmiles to date. She is the founder of **Novel Futures**, a youth-led organization dedicated to closing the post-pandemic reading skills gap for NJ students.

Through **Novel Futures**, she hosts free “StoryLab” writing workshops, partners with community organizations to distribute book donations, and offers an online BookFinder tool to promote diverse authors and perspectives. Meera is passionate about ensuring every child has the chance to succeed.

In addition to her work with BookSmiles, Meera plays varsity tennis, serves as an editor of her school newspaper and literary magazine, has earned Scholastic Art & Writing Awards for her writing pieces, and is a contributing writer for *SheKnows*, where she writes opinion pieces on topics relevant to Gen Z.