

Hosting

a

BOOK DRIVE

Help share
the joy of
literacy!



Why?

Our book supply is our greatest resource and hosting a book drive is a fun, free way to make a huge difference in our community! We are inspiring the joy of literacy one book at a time and the more books, the greater the impact. A small book drive done by an individual or a large scale book drive run by an organization or business all make a difference.

How?

Time

Choose a set of dates that span at least two to three weeks that include two weekends.

Location

Identify your book collection location. Will you be collecting books at your home, school, business, organization meeting, etc.?

Book Collection

Set Up

Set up a large box or bin with a poster sharing who you are collecting for and what you are collecting.

Spreading the Word

How will you publicize your book drive? List serves, email, flyers, and social media can all help. [Let us know](#) you're collecting and we'll post for you too [@inspirelitalex!](#)

What?

Gently Used Books We Gladly Accept

- Published for children ages 0-12 within the last decade
- No major rips or wear and tear or writing inside them
- Non-religious

New Books

We have a wishlist of sought-after books including graphic

novels and culturally and linguistically diverse books on [Amazon](#), but encourage you to shop from our wonderful local bookstores. We can also purchase books through First Book at low prices so [fundraising](#) for new books is another great option.

Kinds of Children's Books Needed

- Board books
 - Leveled readers
 - Decodable books
 - Picture books
 - Books in other languages (Spanish, Amharic, Arabic)
- *Graphic novels*
 - Nonfiction books
 - Activity books
 - Early chapter books

Books We Cannot Accept

- Adult books
- Textbooks or assigned reading for school
- Ex-library books
- Books with damage to the spine, writing, or tears

We ask that if these are donated, you take them to the library, The Company of Books or recycle them.

Now What?

Once you've collected books, we ask that you sort them into separate boxes or bags by category with labels so they are ready to be distributed.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Board Books	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leveled Readers and Decodables
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hardback Picture Books	<input type="checkbox"/>	Soft Picture Books
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Chapter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nonfiction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity Books	<input type="checkbox"/>	Books in other languages
<input type="checkbox"/>	Graphic Novels	<input type="checkbox"/>	Miscellaneous

[Contact us](#) about delivering your collection and if your members need service hours. For extra fun, count the books or take photos so we can share your book drive success!

THANK YOU!

We cannot do what we do without volunteers in our community willing to share their time and books!