

BOOK DRIVE

Organizing a children's book drive is a great way to get more books to children in need! Book drives spread the word about the need for books and help us reach people who might have books to give.

Here is a checklist for hosting a book drive at your school, organization, faith group, scout group, neighborhood book group, sports team, workplace, party, or anywhere else.

1. Decide the scope: friends & family, small group, organization.
2. Choose an end date: 1-2 weeks is good! (3 weeks works better for congregations).
3. You might prefer a single event like a party, meeting, or game.
4. Set a goal - every 50 books serves 10 children!
5. Say where books should be dropped off - your house, at an event, an entryway or common area, next to an elevator, in a classroom, etc.
6. Place clearly labeled collection boxes in the location as needed.
7. Please make clear the need is for new and gently used books for **pre-kindergarten** children.
8. Spread the word by e-mail, newsletters, organization bulletins, school flyers, Facebook, blog, etc.
9. Send a friendly e-mail reminder once the drive is underway.
10. Gather up donated books and re-pack in boxes that can be easily carried with lids. Pull out any damaged or musty books.
11. Call Children Read when you are ready to deliver the books so we can set up a time/date to meet you at our facility.

THANK YOU!