

**Companions Journeying Together**  
**BOOK DONATIONS - 2016**

Thank you for your willingness to donate books to our organization. When choosing books we ask that you send only new books. These books are a gift and we want the children to feel that they are worth something special. We also request books that represent a diverse population. We serve a large number of African American and Hispanic families and are always in need of books sensitive to these cultures. **We need soft backed picture books except for the board books for very small children.** Below are some suggestions of popular titles, subjects and authors to choose from. If you could also donate a large envelope in which to mail the book and \$3-4 to cover the postage, we would be very grateful. **Our biggest needs now are for soft covered storybooks for 3-6 year olds and board books for the very small.**

Board books for ages birth – 3 years

Favorite subjects...colors, numbers, shapes and opposites , food, animals, nursery rhymes, favorite songs (Old McDonald, B-I-N-G-O, etc.), lift-the-flap books Favorite authors... Sandra Boynton, Eric Carle, Cheryl Willis Hudson, Rosemary Wells, Jane Yolen, Nancy Tafuri

Picture Books – ages 3-8

Please choose books that are colorful. Look for award winners and stories that are culturally diverse.

Favorite authors include: Eric Carle, Doreen Cronin, Lois Elhert, Emma Dodd, Ezra Jack Keats, Eloise Greenfield, Aaron Reynolds, Dr. Suess

Beginning Readers – ages 4-8

Favorite series...Henry & Mudge, Fly Guy, Biscuit, Cam Jansen, and Minnie & Moo. Staff at a book store can also help you locate great nonfiction titles for beginning readers.

Spanish/Bi-Lingual

Many children's favorites are translated into Spanish. Please be sensitive about choosing books that show children of Spanish heritage.

Eric & Julieta books; The Dog Who Loves Tortillas; Diez Deditos (Ten Little Fingers); Dora & Diego books; The Woman Who Outshone the Sun; DeColores & Other Latin American Folk Songs; My Numbers/Mis Numbers by Rebecca Emberly; Perro Grande...Pero Pequeno

Ages 7-12 (ask book store staff about Newbery Award winners and current Rebecca Caudill Award nominees)

Popular authors... Judy Blume , Beverly Cleary, Andrew Clements, Sharon Creech, Kate DiCamillo, Roald Dahl, Virginia Hamilton, Angela Johnson, Louis Sachar, Jerry Spinelli, Mike Lupica (sports books)

Popular series... Geronimo Stilton, Harry Potter, Junie B. Jones, My Weird School, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Dork Diaries, A Series of Unfortunate Events, Judy Moody, Hey L'il D, Chicken Soup for the Soul (kid's, teenage, African-American)

Multicultural titles... Donovan's Word Jar, Think Again, Amazing Grace; For the Love of the Game: Michael Jordan and Me, Game Day, The Real Slam Dunk, Cousins, Circle of Gold, Boundless Grace, Call Me Maria, Slam!, Heaven, Esperanza Rising, Any Small Goodness, Becoming Naomi Leon; Fifty Cents & A Dream-Young Booker T. Washington; The Mighty Miss Malone

Ages 13-15

Harry Potter, The Hunger Games; The Book Thief, Lord of the Flies, Wrinkle in Time, Alchemist, Stormbreaker, Catcher in the Rye, Hobbit, The Giver, To Kill a Mockingbird, The Maze Runner, The Shadow Children series

We also welcome gift cards from Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, or Office Depot so we can purchase books, CDs, and mailing supplies.

If you have questions or wish to schedule a pick-up or delivery of donated materials, please contact Scott McWilliams, Executive Director, at [scott@cjtinc.org](mailto:scott@cjtinc.org) or Jana Minor, Founding Director, at [jana@cjtinc.org](mailto:jana@cjtinc.org). You may also call (630) 481-6231.

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