

Companions Journeying Together

BOOK DONATIONS

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 (nearly 50% of the people we served in 2018) and Hispanic families (18.5% of the people we served in 2018) and are always in need of books sensitive to these cultures. We need soft-cover books in addition to board books for babies and toddlers. If you could also donate a 9x12 or 10x13 Tyvek, bubble, or polyethylene (poly) envelope in which to mail the book and \$4 to cover the postage, we would be very grateful.

Below are some suggestions of favorite authors, subjects, and titles. Ask bookstore staff about current titles and award winners.

BOARD BOOKS for babies through age 3

Favorite subjects... colors, numbers, shapes and opposites, food, animals, nursery rhymes, favorite songs (Old McDonald, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, etc.), lift-the-flap books.

PICTURE BOOKS for ages 3 – 8

Favorite authors... Eric Carle, Doreen Cronin, Lois Ehlert, Emma Dodd, Ezra Jack Keats, Jane Cabrera, Amy Krouse Rosenthal, Jerry Pinkney

BEGINNING READERS for ages 4 – 8

Favorite series... Fly Guy, Biscuit, Elephant & Piggie, Curious George, Clifford, Lego, Disney, Ballet Cat, Katie Woo

Favorite subjects for nonfiction... animals, sports, biographies (multicultural authors, athletes, inventors, leaders)

CHAPTER BOOKS for ages 7 – 13

Favorite authors... Andrew Clements, Wendy Mass, Mike Lupica, Roald Dahl, Kate DiCamillo, Rick Riordan, Beverly Cleary, Dav Pilkey, Sharon Draper, Jake Maddox

Favorite series... Magic Tree House, Dork Diaries, Big Nate, Geronimo Stilton, The Princess in Black, Ellray Jakes, The Magnificent Mya Tibbs

YOUNG ADULT NOVELS for ages 13 – 15

Favorite authors... Suzanne Collins, Anthony Horowitz, John Green, Angie Thomas, Scott Westerfield, Veronica Roth

Also consider titles such as *Lord of the Flies*, *A Wrinkle in Time*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Hobbit*, *The Outsiders*, *Brown Girl Dreaming*, *The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963*, *Brother to Brother: Black Men Speak to Young Black Men*, and *Sister to Sister: Black Women Speak to Young Black Women*.

SPANISH/BILINGUAL for all ages

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

If you would prefer, we have compiled a list of our favorite books and supplies on Amazon. Purchases made on the link below will ship automatically to us for free, and will generate a 0.5% cash donation on eligible purchases.

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