

LDA Minnesota Annual Book Drive

How to Host a Book Drive



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Thank you for your interest in hosting a book drive for LDA Minnesota!

LDA Minnesota (Learning Disabilities Association, Inc.) is a leading education 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to helping children, youth and adults with learning difficulties learn successfully, dream of possibilities and achieve their goals. We do this by providing a variety of programs for individuals with learning difficulties, learning disabilities and attention deficit disorders (ADD & ADHD).

Half of LDA Minnesota's work is provided to low-income children and families in the community at no charge to them. This charitable work is important, as research indicates that low-income children are most likely to be unprepared for school success and thus most at-risk for academic failure.

Access to books is one important element to early childhood literacy. Recent studies show that in middle class neighborhoods there are 13 books for every child, while in low-income neighborhoods there is only 1 book for every 300 children.

You can help!

Your donation of new or gently used books will make a real and lasting difference in the lives of children who struggle with literacy.

LDA distributes thousands of books to low-income children and students whose families cannot afford books on their own.

Help us to reach our goal of collecting 5,000 books to provide to children who we are working with to reach their learning potential.

Book Drive Planning Checklist:

- Secure commitment from your employees / group
- Determine duration (typically 2-4 weeks)
- Communicate the book drive at least two weeks in advance
- Set-up your book collection site with poster for drop-off
- Deliver to LDA Minnesota or request a pick-up

Books to Donate

LDA Minnesota appreciates every donation made to our Annual Book Drive. Enclosed are our preferred book types and titles.

New Books are always greatly appreciated, as these books are oftentimes given to children who do not have books at home, are given as a reward for great performance, and are given to children who most in need.

Gently used books that still have their covers and pages intact, are clean and readable are accepted. Well-worn, dirty, torn, stickered or incomplete books cannot be used by LDA. We cannot use books of religious origin, including religious holidays, coloring, music or activity workbooks.

In General, LDA appreciates the following types of books donated:

Alphabet books

Books in both English/ Spanish

Wordless books

Books that rhyme

Books with predictable text like *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* By Eric Carle

Multicultural themed books

Picture books

Comic Books / Graphic Novels

Historical / Notable Figures (such as Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, past Presidents, etc)

Books about positive role models (sports, etc)

Suggested Book Series & Authors needed for LDA's K-8 Instruction Program:

Series:

Arthur

Biscuit

Cam Jansen

Captain Underpants

Goosebumps

Flat Stanley

Harry Potter

Hello Reader! / Scholastic Readers

Henry and Mudge

Horrible Harry

I Can Read

Judy Moody

Junie B. Jones

Magic Tree House

Nate the Great

Pokemon

Step Into Reading

Suggested Authors:

Avi

Judy Blume

Kate Di Camillo

Beverly Cleary

Sharon Creech

Doreen Cronin

Christopher Paul Curtis

Jack Gantos

Carl Hiaasen

Brian Jaques

E.L. Konigsburg

Lois Lowry

Scott O'Dell

Louis Sachar

Nancy E. Shaw

Jerry Spinelli

Gary Soto

Gary Paulsen

Mary Pope Osborne

Mo Willems

Specific Book list needed for LDA's Early Literacy Program:

Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh
The Fabulous Fair Alphabet by Debra Frasier
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Felicia Bond
If You Give a Moose a Muffin by Felicia Bond
If You Give a Pig a Pancake by Felicia Bond
Olivia by Ian Falconer
Olivia Saves the Circus by Ian Falconer
Polar Bear, Polar bear What Do You Hear? By Bill Martin Jr. & Eric Carle
The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry, and the BIG HUNGRY BEAR by Audrey Wood & Don Wood
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr., John Archambault and Lois Ehlert
The Napping House/ La Casa Adormecida by Audrey Wood
Miss Spiders ABC by David Kirk
Piggies/ Ceritos by Audrey Wood & Don Wood
King Bidgood's in the Bathtub by Audrey Wood & Don Wood
My Very First Book of Colors by Eric Carle
Jamberry by Bruce Degen and Peter Fernandez
Rainbow Fish Counting by Marcus Pfister
Ten Little Fingers by Mem Fox and Helen Oxenbury
The Lotus Seed by Sherry Garland and Tatsuro Kiuchi
Nine-In-One GRR! GRR! A Folktale For the Hmong People by Bliia Xiong; Cathy Spagnoli and Nancy Hom
Elbert's Bad Word by Audrey Wood & Don Wood
Eating the Alphabet by Louis Ehlert
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Wordless Books

Pancakes for Breakfast by Tomie dePaola
Yellow Umbrella by Dong Il Sheen and Jae Soo Liu
Snowman by Raymond Briggs

Planning Tips

Plan or announce the book drive at least two weeks in advance and select a high-visibility location in your venue for the book drop-off site (near an entrance, break room, etc.) to ensure high participation.

Decide on the best way to reach your group, whether via email, memo, flyer, intranet, etc and set up a schedule for communicating start and end dates.

Promote the book drive using adequate signage near book bins or in high-traffic areas. Please contact us if you would like to include LDA Minnesota's logo. LDA has provided you with a sample email, flyer and poster.

Contact Information: For assistance, please contact Jill Pearson-Wood at 952-582-6007 or Email: jp@ldaminnesota.org

When you have completed your book drive, please request pick-up or drop-off at:

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Thank you!