



How to Host a Book Drive

LDA Minnesota (Learning Disabilities Association, Inc.) is a nonprofit agency that helps children, youth, and adults with or at risk for learning and attention challenges to achieve their potential in work, school, and life. LDA's services include: diagnostic assessments, tutoring, executive function skill building, workshops, ADHD support groups, professional development and consultations for families.

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 annual 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
A-Z Mysteries
Babymouse
Babysitters Club
Biscuit
Cam Jansen
Captain Underpants
Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Goosebumps
Flat Stanley
Frog & Toad
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
Percy Jackson
Pete the Cat
Pokemon
Step Into Reading
Stink
Squish

Suggested Authors:

Avi
Judy Blume
Kate Di Camillo
Beverly Cleary
Sharon Creech
Doreen Cronin
Christopher Paul Curtis
Jack Gantos
Carl Hiaasen
Jennifer Holm & Matthew Holm
Brian Jacques
E.L. Konigsburg
Lois Lowry
Scott O'Dell
Gary Paulsen
Dav Pilkey
Mary Pope Osbourne
Louis Sachar
Nancy E. Shaw
Lemony Snicket
Jerry Spinelli
Gary Soto
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
Jamerry 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

Graphic Novels

Beandog
Flying Beavers
Lunch Lady
The Glorkian Warrior

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.

Contact Information: For assistance, please contact Martha Moriarty at 952-582-6001 or Email: mm@ldaminnesota.org

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

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6100 Golden Valley Road
Golden Valley, MN 55422
952-582-6000
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Thank you!