



MINNESOTA

DIY BOOK DRIVE KIT

Thank you for your interest in hosting a Book Drive for Reach Out and Read Minnesota! Our partner clinics are always grateful to receive new children's books they can use for our core program.

#1. Choose your approach

- Do you want a multi-day book drive collection at a fixed location (like a community center, daycare, school, or other business)?
- Do you want to organize a company-wide day of giving back as a fun way to clock in volunteer or service hours?
- Do you want an online book drive with a local bookstore or one of Reach Out and Read Minnesota's partner vendors ([Books4School](#), [Scholastic](#) or [AllAboutBooks](#))? Our partner vendors can usually provide more books per dollar, but we also love to support Minnesota's local bookstores. Some of our favorites include: [Birchbark Books](#), [Magers & Quinn Booksellers](#), [Black Bears and Blueberries Publishing](#) and [Wild Rumpus](#).

#2. Make a plan and timeline for the drive

#3. [Reach out to us](#) and share your plans for your drive (

#4. Share and spread the word!

- Use our materials and resources to share your event on your organization's social media, email communication and with friends to remind folks and ensure your book drive is a success

#5. Collect books and comb through to find any that don't fit into the criteria.

#6. Box or bag up books with your organization/name labeled.

- Email elleanor@reachoutandreadmn.org with # of boxes/bags and when they will be dropped off at our storage site. Please give our staff at least 3 days to respond. They will contact you with address details of where to drop off your donation.

#7. Drop off donation at our storage site in the Twin Cities

- You can feel great about giving the gift of reading to children all across Minnesota!

NOTABLE LITERACY AND BOOK CONNECTED DATES

Any day is a great day to share the brain-building power of books, but sometimes it helps to have a special occasion to give!

- **February:** I Love to Read Month
- **March:** National Reading Month
- **March 1:** Read Across America Day
- **March 2:** World Book Day
- **April 2:** Children's Book Day
- **April 12:** D.E.A.R (Drop Everything And Read) Day
- **May:** Get Caught Reading Month
- **May 6-12:** National Children's Book Week
- **August 9:** National Book Lover's Day
- **September:** National Literacy Month
- **October:** National Book Month
- **November:** National Family Literacy Month
- **November:** Picture Book Month
- **December:** Read a New Book Month

Thank you for helping us share the brain-building power of books with Minnesota families!

