



BOOK DRIVES AND BOOK DONATION GUIDELINES

Akron Children’s and the J.M. Smucker Company want to spread the seeds of literacy to those we serve through our Berry Good Reading Program. Early literacy is an integral component to healthy brain development and foundational life skills. This program allows clinical staff to give a new book to a child at each well-child visit from ages 6 months to 5 years and celebrates literacy awareness days across the organization for all aged children.

Because our program is funded entirely from grants, gifts, and donations, we depend on your generosity to continue making this life-changing impact. Book Drives can incorporate any (or all) of the four methods below, and we will work with you to create an efficient and successful book drive. Thank you in advance for supporting our passion for this mission, we couldn’t do it without you!

NEW BOOKS	NEARLY-NEW (gently used) BOOKS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ages: 0-15 (but focus is on ages 0-5) • In Demand: board books and books that represent our diverse patients (varied cultures, abilities, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ages: ages 0-15 • Condition: excellent condition, clean, and readable • Unable to accept: games, music, movies, magazines, or coloring/activity books
ONLINE MONETARY DONATIONS	VIRTUAL BOOK DRIVE
<p>Monetary donations allow us to choose the books that are in highest demand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online: AkronChildrens.org/DonateBooks • Text: DonateBooks to 71777 	<p>Donors receive a shareable QR code to a customized website and can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select their own book(s) from a pre-determined list or allow the vendor to choose • make a monetary contribution which allows us to choose our most needed books

Do you have nearly-new / gently used items that don’t meet these Akron Children’s standards? Consider donating them to your public library, a “little free library,” local non-profit agencies, or the Kids Book Bank so that they can continue to be enjoyed.