

Program Details

Reach Out and Read® is a national program dedicated to fostering the development of early literacy skills among children as a standard part of pediatric primary care. To accomplish its goal of putting children on the road to success in school and beyond, Reach Out and Read provides primary care doctors with a standard model to incorporate into their practice. This model has three components:

1. At well-child visits from 6 months to 5 years, doctors and/or nurses provide parents with information about the importance of reading aloud to their children.
2. During the well-child visit, the doctor/medical assistant gives the child a new, developmentally appropriate book to take home.
3. Gently used books are available in the waiting area for children of all ages to take home and keep.

The Reach Out and Read program is available in all of our Akron Children's Hospital Pediatrics offices.

Book Donation Guidelines:

NEW BOOKS - Please follow these guidelines:

- Books should be developmentally appropriate for children 6 months to 5 years
Board books are the highest need
- No books with themes such as religion, death, violence or the body

NEARLY NEW BOOKS – Please follow these guidelines:

- Books must be **GENTLY** used (covers and pages intact, no yellowed pages, clean and readable, not musty).
- They should be appropriate for ages birth to 8
- No textbooks, coloring or activity books
- No books with themes such as religion, death, violence or the body
- No books printed before 2010
- No games, cassettes or DVD's

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

- **TEXT TO GIVE** - <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/bookbank>
 - Create your own team profile
 - Get a unique Text to Give code
 - Share on social media

If you are interested in additional information or would like to hold a book drive, please contact your Akron Children's Hospital Reach Out and Read Coordinators.

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