



BOOK DRIVES AND BOOK DONATION GUIDELINES

Akron Children's and the J.M. Smucker Company want to spread the seeds of literacy to our patients and their families through our Berry Good Reading Program. The program provides a new book, tips, and resources at each well-child visit from ages 6 months to 5 years old. We distribute books that are developmentally appropriate, diverse, and inclusive. We also host literacy awareness celebrations to foster an enthusiastic and creative approach around reading.

We need your support to further our literacy outreach. We encourage individuals, companies, and organizations to support us through any of the following ways. We aim to make our donations an efficient process for everyone. Thank you in advance for partnering with us and we look forward to hearing from you!

BOOK DRIVES: Please follow these guidelines.

New Books:

- Books should be developmentally appropriate for children ages 6 months to 5 years (board books are highest need)
- No books with the following themes: religion, death, violence or the body

Nearly-New Books:

- Books must be gently used (covers and pages intact, no yellowed pages, clean, readable, not musty)
- Appropriate for ages birth to age 8
- No textbooks, magazines, coloring books, or activity books
- No books with the following themes: religion, death, violence or the body
- No books printed before 2010
- No games, cassettes, or DVDs

VIRTUAL BOOK DRIVE

Contact our team to arrange a virtual book drive where donors can donate specific books or make a financial contribution to support your organization's efforts.

TEXT TO GIVE

Contact us for more information on how to utilize our easy-to-use code to secure financial contributions.
E-mail: Literacy@akronchildrens.org, phone: 330-543-8068.