

Book Donations

Every child deserves good quality books. Give the gift of reading!

New Book Donations

New books are given to children birth to five years at every check-up. Touch and Feel books are very much appreciated as well as Spanish and bilingual books. Suggested authors and titles include:

- **Boynton, Sandra** *Moo, Baa, LaLaLa; Blue Hat, Green Hat; Barnyard Dance; Opposites; A to Z; The Going to Bed Book*
- **Bridwell, Norman** The "Clifford" series (these come in Spanish and bilingual as well as in English)
- **Brown, Margaret Wise** *Goodnight Moon; The Runaway Bunny*
- **Christelow, Eileen** *Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed*
- **DK Books** "Touch and Feel" Series
- **Hill, Eric** "Spot" series (shapes, colors, numbers)
- **Hoban, Tana** *Black on White; What Is It?; Red, Blue, Yellow Shoe*
- **Keats, Ezra Jack** *Snowy Day; Whistle for Willie; & others*
- **Martin/ Archambault** *Chicka Chicka ABC; Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*
- **Martin/ Carle** *Brown Bear, Brown Bear*
- **Marzollo, Jean** "I Spy" series
- **Miller, Margaret** *Baby Faces; Get Ready, Baby; What's on my Head?*
- **Numeroff, Laura** *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie; & others*
- **Rey, H.A.** The "Curious George" series
- **Seuss, Dr.** *Dr. Seuss's ABC; The Foot Book; Mr. Brown can Moo, Can You?*
- **Wells, Rosemary** Any of the MAX books; *Old MacDonald; BINGO; The Bear went Over the Mountain; The Itsy-Bitsy Spider*

Used Book Donations

Used book donations are given to older siblings and used to stock waiting room bookshelves.

Guidelines for Accepting Books

Reach Out and Read Kansas City is happy to accept donated books for children through our distribution center at KU Pediatrics, KU Medical Center.

- Donations of New Books are preferred. Reach Out and Read Kansas City has a bibliography of favorite books to choose from, carefully selected to meet the developmental needs of the children served by our program.
- Used Books should be gently used (covers and pages intact, clean and readable). Hard cover picture books with brightly colored pictures and interesting stories are ideal.
- Board books are greatly appreciated, and Spanish and bilingual books are in great demand.
- Books for children between the ages of birth to five years are in the greatest demand, although books for older children are also needed.
- Books about religion and sensitive issues like divorce, abuse or death are not accepted.

Donations should be sent or delivered to KU Children's Center (Miller Building), just south of the main entrance to KU Medical Center on Cambridge. The 4-story, red brick Miller building is located off the corner of Olathe and Cambridge and has a circle drive where you may temporarily park to unload the books (which may be left at the front desk). Please be sure to include your name, address, and phone number.

For further information about book donations, please contact our Book Coordinator at jdobbs@kumc.edu or (913) 588-0295.

Book Drives/Events

Book drives are wonderful activities for neighborhoods, school groups, service organizations or companies. Inviting guests to bring books to birthday parties, anniversaries or other events is a perfect way to celebrate reading and provide books for children who might not otherwise have them.

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