

Children's Book Drive

September 11 through October 6

**Books may be picked up at your school -- you choose the date.
If you can deliver books to a Child Development Center near you, it is appreciated.**

Purpose: The purpose of the Children's Book Drive is to collect "gently used" books for children up to age 12. Child Development, Inc. will again distribute the books to needy children. Most will go into homes of children involved in the Head Start program.

With your help, we have been able to collect between 14,000 and 25,000 books each year. We hope we can rely on your commitment again.

Here is what you need to know to sponsor the Children's Book Drive within your school:

ORGANIZATION: In many schools, a student council, a service club, or a parent group runs the program. You may also give students credit for community service hours for helping.

POSTERS: You are welcome to duplicate the "deposit books here" sign in this packet, and hang copies where you will collect books.

LIMITATIONS: Please do not pack books in any boxes so large or heavy that you could not lift them yourself. We cannot accept textbooks or encyclopedias.

SCHOOL SORTING: If you are able to have someone sort the books, our general categories are:

- * **New books-** these are books that can be used as gifts in families that might not otherwise think of books as presents;
- * **Infant and toddler books-** e.g., cloth or cardboard books or stories involving children in that age group;
- * **Pre-school-** e.g., Little Golden Books;
- * **Grades 1 and 2;**
- * **Grades 3 and 4;**
- * **Grades 5 and up.**

Don't worry about adult books that may come in with the children's books. We can pass them on to such programs as the Literacy Council, women's shelter, the high-rises or one of the prisons.

REGISTRATION: If you plan to participate in the drive, please complete the enclosed registration form and return it by Wednesday, September 20, 2017.

BOOK PICKUP: You must arrange for your books to be picked up. Please use the enclosed form, if your books are not picked up on the date you selected please call Lori Spotts, Child Development Center, Inc. 570-544-8959 ext. 223.