

# Our Wish List

We love all new and gently used books at Books for Kids! Our greatest need is for books on this wish list. Please email us at [books@NextDoorMKE.org](mailto:books@NextDoorMKE.org)

## Types of books we need:

- Board books
- Books for infants – 5 year olds
- Children's pictures books
- Children's multicultural books
- Lift the Flap books
- Social-emotional books

## Books we love:

- The Wheels on the Bus by Annie Kubler
- Llama Llama Books by Anna Dewdney
- Pete The Cat Books by James Dean
- Spot Books by Eric Hill
- Todd Parr Books

## Authors we love:

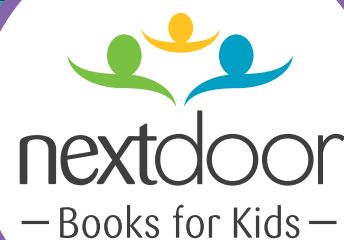
- Todd Parr
- Eric Carle
- Sandra Boyton
- Matthew Cherry
- Grace Byers
- Bell Hooks

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# Book Drive Tips & Tricks

## So you've decided to host a book drive for Next Door...Now what?!

THANK YOU! The books you collect will go directly into the hands of Next Door children and their families. Our Books for Kids library is unique, in that every book a child takes home, stays home and becomes part of their forever library.

Here are some tips and tricks to help maximize your book drive efforts.

### Before Your Drive

- Choose your book drive dates
- Decide where you'll host your drive
- Decide how you'll promote your book drive
- Put your yard sign out

### During Your Drive

- Promote your drive! Make sure to tell your friends, family, and neighbors about your book drive. You can post about it on social media and tag Next Door, send emails and texts, and put flyers up in your office, school or place of worship.
- Any books that are not appropriate for Next Door can be taken to Goodwill or Half Price Books.
- Remember that Next Door accepts new, or lightly used books. Please be cognizant of the quality of the books you plan to donate. As a rule, we always say: Would you feel comfortable gifting the book to a friend or family member? If not, then we won't accept it either. It's probably best to recycle. Please see 'Book Drive FAQ's' for more information on what donations we accept.

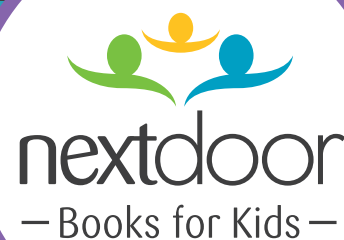
### After Your Drive

At the end of your book drive go through the books collected and remove any books that we do not accept. Then count up your books, pack them up in boxes and remember to set up your drop off time by emailing us at [books@NextDoorMKE.org](mailto:books@NextDoorMKE.org)

You are now a book drive pro! If you have any questions check out the FAQ sheet provided or email us at [books@NextDoorMKE.org](mailto:books@NextDoorMKE.org).

You can host a drive for Next Door at any time – it's a great way to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries or a big family get together. It's also a great way to give back and build community.

**Thank you again and we can't wait to see your book hauls!**



# Book Drive FAQs

## What types of books do you accept?

- Books for 0-5 year old's
- Multicultural books
- Books from our Amazon Wish List
- Popular children's books
- Social emotional books

## Contact Information:

To schedule the drop-off of your book donation or ask additional questions, please email us at [books@NextDoorMKE.org](mailto:books@NextDoorMKE.org)

## What don't you accept?

- Books that are falling apart
- Books with torn/missing pages
- Books that have been colored or written in
- Water damaged books
- Discarded books from public or school libraries
- Books with "adult" themes
- Books that are mildewed
- Encyclopedias, textbooks, teacher's manuals, magazines, curriculum materials, and library discards

## How do I decide if a book is too damaged to donate to Next Door?

As a rule, we always say: Would you feel comfortable gifting the book to a friend or family member? If not, then we won't accept it either. It's probably best to recycle.


## What do I do if people donate books Next Door can't use, such as adult, or damaged books?

These can be donated to a local charity, Half Price Books, or recycled.

# Donate Books!

Help children in Milwaukee grow their home libraries by donating new and gently used books to Books for Kids.

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