

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

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.

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!