



Family Book Club

Children who read...succeed!

Book Drive FAQ's

◆ Who can organize a book drive?

Businesses, civic organizations, schools, places of worship, book clubs — any volunteer group interested in collecting books and donations for FBC's literacy programs — can hold a book drive. It's a fun and rewarding way to promote reading in our community!

◆ How does my group collect donations?

Basic Book Drive: Set out a book collection box and a catchy FBC display in a convenient location where people can drop off books at any time over the course of the book drive. Publicity is key.

Custom Book Drive: Staff a book drive table that is "open" at specific times for people to donate new books and/or cash toward purchasing a book from our *Wish List*. Samples of books are right there at the table to choose.

New-Fangled Book Drive: Brainstorm ideas for a book drive approach that best suits your group. We can help you get creative.

◆ What supplies will my group need?

FBC supplies the book-drive basics: a flier, a poster, a donation box, a *Wish List*, receipts and sample books. Your group supplies the volunteers who will publicize and run the book drive...plus maybe a table. It's easy!

◆ How long is a book drive? How many books will we collect?

A book drive can last anywhere from a day to a month, depending on your group's size, approach and volunteer availability. It may involve just a few coworkers each donating a copy of their favorite children's book at a lunch meeting...or an entire Boy Scout Troop going neighbor-to-neighbor one weekend to fill up a van load of books! Set a goal that you can feel good about. Book drives are more than just collecting a ton of books (although we like that!). These events engage volunteers in a rewarding activity, raise awareness around the importance of reading, and benefit families in need by providing quality books. FBC appreciates any amount of support your group can give!

◆ **What types of books does FBC accept?**

FBC gratefully accepts any newly purchased book appropriate for children ages 0 – 18 years old. We favor quality multicultural and award-winning titles that are featured on our *Wish List*. These books have been carefully chosen by educators to promote healthy development and self-esteem in children. Any used books donated to FBC are passed along to other community groups that can reuse them.

◆ **Who benefits from books and donations?**

FBC distributes new books to hundreds of at-risk children in Washtenaw County, many of whom come from homes where there are low literacy levels and few quality books available. Through our programs, FBC encourages families to read together and to develop healthy and positive attitudes toward reading. We believe that reading is a vital path to future success. All cash donated to FBC from book drives is earmarked for the purchase of books on our *Wish List*. To learn more about FBC programs, please visit our website:

www.familybookclub.org

◆ **How will my group be recognized as a sponsor?**

FBC values your support. We show our appreciation by featuring sponsors on our website, in our annual newsletter and in any printed materials for the book drive. Please extend our heartfelt thanks on behalf of FBC to everyone who contributes time, books or money toward your book drive. Sometimes a hug may be in order.

◆ **Do donors receive a tax benefit when they give to FBC?**

FBC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charity. Donations to our organization qualify for the full tax benefit allowed by law. FBC can provide donors with a receipt for tax purposes.

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We look forward to partnering with you!