



Donate Children's Books to a Reach Out and Read Program

Thank you for your interest in Reach Out and Read Greater Philadelphia (www.rorgp.org).

Reach Out and Read is a national nonprofit pediatric early literacy program located in more than 4,654 primary care health centers across the nation. Reach Out and Read prepares America's youngest children to succeed in school by partnering with doctors to prescribe books and encourage families to read together. Doctors, nurse practitioners, and other medical professionals incorporate Reach Out and Read's evidence-based model into regular pediatric checkups, by advising parents about the importance of reading aloud and giving developmentally-appropriate books to children. The program begins at the 6-month checkup and continues through age 5, with a special emphasis on children growing up in low-income communities. Families served by Reach Out and Read read together more often, and their children enter kindergarten with larger vocabularies and stronger language skills, better prepared to achieve their potential (www.reachoutandread.org).

Reach Out and Read Greater Philadelphia relies on donations and funding support from schools, community groups, corporations, foundations, families, and individuals to maintain this valuable program. **You can help Reach Out and Read Greater Philadelphia make books part of a healthy childhood by collecting brand-new or gently-used books!** Below are guidelines that were developed out of respect for families and in keeping with the philosophy of Reach Out and Read.

NEW BOOKS

- **Each year, Reach Out and Read Greater Philadelphia primary care doctors and nurse practitioners distribute over 78,000 brand-new, developmentally-appropriate books to children ages 6 months through 5 years.** If you choose to purchase or collect new books, attached is a short recommended title list. Reach Out and Read Greater Philadelphia accepts similar books that are not listed. **The greatest need for Sites is brand-new books for infants and toddlers.**

GENTLY-USED BOOKS

- Gently-used children's books are placed in the waiting rooms and some exam rooms at most Reach Out and Read Greater Philadelphia Sites. Gently-used books need to be in good condition (covers/pages intact, clean and readable) and appropriate for children ages birth to 10. Out of respect for families, Sites cannot accept books with sensitive issues and/or illustrations (such as abuse, death, holidays, religion, violence, and weapons).

DELIVERING BOOKS

- Reach Out and Read Greater Philadelphia has no pick-up service and is unable to pay for mailing/shipping and handling costs. If you would like to mail books, please call 215-590-5989 to obtain the proper address.
- **When you are ready to deliver books, please contact the Reach Out and Read Greater Philadelphia Coordinator at 215-590-5989 or info@rorgp.org to inform how many boxes/bags you plan to deliver. One to two weeks notice is required prior to actual delivery. Drop off destination may vary, depending on the size of your donation. Please mark all boxes/bags "Reach Out and Read."**
- When you call, be sure to give us your contact information (name and mailing address) so we can mail a thank you letter to you!

Thank you for your generous commitment to Reach Out and Read Greater Philadelphia! With your help, we can continue to make books part of a healthy childhood!



SOME RECOMMENDED TITLES
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TITLE	AUTHOR/PUBLISHER
**Baby Faces/I Love Colors/What's on my Head?	Margaret Miller/Little Simon (Simon & Schuster)
** Global Babies	Global Fund for Children (Charlesbridge)
**Good Morning Baby **Baby Faces **Touch and Feel: Baby Animals/ Farm/123, etc.	FUNFAX/DK Publishing (Covent Garden Books)
**BABY FACES - SPLASH!, EAT!, SMILE!	Roberta Grobel Intrater/Scholastic Cartwheel Books
**Natural Baby Books (Play, Sleep, Eat, Splash)	St. Martin's Press by Priddy Books
**Colors/Numbers/Seasons/Shapes	Scholastic (Young Concepts Board Books)
**I Can Eat a Rainbow	Annabel Karmel/Dorling Kindersley (DK) Ltd
**Eating the Alphabet	Lois Elhert/Harcourt Trade Publishers
**Blue Hat, Green Hat/Opposites/A to Z, etc.	Sandra Boynton/Little Simon (Simon & Schuster)
**Dr. Seuss Board Books (ABC, The Foot Book, ...)	Dr. Seuss/Random House
**Dinosaur Roar!	Paul & Henrietta Stickland/Scholastic
** Good Night Philadelphia	Adam Gamble & Cooper Kelly/Our World of Books
**The Everything Book	Denise Fleming/Henry Holt and Company
**How Do Dinosaurs Count to Ten? **How Do Dinosaurs Clean Their Rooms?	Jane Yolen & Mark Teague /Scholastic
**Ten, Nine, Eight	Molly Bang/Scholastic
**The Rainbow Fish	Marcus Pfister/North-South Publishing
If You Take a Mouse to School	Laura Joffe Numeroff/Scholastic
The Car Washing Street	Denise Lewis Patrick/William Morrow
Bein' with You This Way	W. Nikola-Lisa/Lee & Low Books, Inc.
Book! Book! Book!	Deborah Bruss/ Scholastic
A Book of Hugs	Dave Ross/Harper Trophy (Harper Collins)
Abiyoyo	Pete Seeger/Scholastic
Sometimes I Feel Like a Mouse	Jeanne Modesitt/Scholastic
Wild, Wild Hair	Nikki Grimes/Scholastic
Jamaica Tag-Along	Juanita Havill/Houghton Mifflin
Allie's Basketball Dream	Barbara E. Barber/Lee & Low Books
Leo the Late Bloomer	Robert Kraus/Harper Trophy
Annie's Gifts	Angela Shelf Medearis/Just Us Books, Inc.
Road Builders	B.G. Hennessy/Puffin (Penguin Group)
Max's Letter	Ken Wilson-Max/Hyperion

****Reach Out and Read Greater Philadelphia Programs prefer board book version.**

Please call 215-590-5989 with questions.