

Book Buddies: Share a Book, Make a Mark



Imagine not having a single book to read at home. For some kids, that's a reality—but you can help! In the "Book Buddies" project, you can donate books to kids who need them and make colorful bookmarks to go along with them. Your book might become someone's new favorite story, and your handmade bookmark will make reading even more fun! Let's share stories, spread kindness, and help every kid enjoy the magic of books!

Book Drive

Goal: Collect gently used books to share with kids who don't have many at home or in their schools.

How to Help:

- Pick a Goal: How many books can we collect? Decide where they will go—maybe a school, a shelter, or a community center.
- Drop-off Spots: Set up book collection boxes at school, the library, or a community center. Don't forget to decorate the boxes!
- Spread the Word: Tell friends, teachers, and neighbors!
- Make It Fun! Set a challenge—maybe the group that donates the most books wins a fun prize or a special reading day!



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Bookmark Making

Goal: Create awesome, colorful bookmarks to go with donated books!

How to Help:

- **Grab Your Supplies:** Use paper, markers, stickers, glitter, ribbons—anything to make your bookmark special.
- **Get Creative:** Design a bookmark with a fun quote about books, a cool drawing, or a pattern inspired by your favorite story!
- **Bookmark Station:** Set up a table at school, the library, or an event so kids can craft their bookmarks together.
- **Share Your Creations:** Once finished, bookmarks can be given out with donated books or handed out as a thank-you to everyone who helps!

Where to Donate:

- **Schools & Libraries** – Support classrooms, libraries, and after-school programs in underserved areas.
- **Hospitals & Shelters** – Brighten a child's day by donating to children's hospitals, homeless shelters, and family shelters.
- **Foster Care Programs** – Provide books to kids in foster care who may not have their own.
- **Community Centers & First Responders** – Donate to local community centers, fire stations, and police departments, where books can be shared with kids in need.

For the Grown Ups

Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think books are important?
- How do you feel when you get to read a great book? What if you didn't have any books?
- If you could share one book with another kid, what book would you choose and why?
- Why do you think some kids don't have as many books as others? How can we help change that?
- What kinds of books do you think would make kids smile the most? (Adventure, funny stories, picture books, etc.)