

Kids Who Read Succeed

We Need Books!

Thanks for Helping With a Book Drive

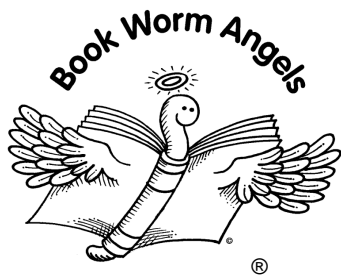
- Book Worm Angels, a nonprofit organization, asks you to help inner city children improve their reading skills by having a book drive.
- We need new and slightly used fun and general interest books for students in Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade. (No text or religious books please)
- All books are distributed to public schools where many of the students read below grade level and poverty levels are high.
- The books are used to establish classroom lending libraries, giving the students the opportunity to read “fun” books at home and in the classroom.
- Book Worm Angels book drives provide meaningful *kids helping kids* service projects for student councils, PTAs, PTOs, service organizations and other groups.
- Book drives may be held any time during the year.
- To help you plan, a comprehensive Book Drive Collection Kit is available on our website or by mail.
- We will pick up the books from your location after the book drive (minimum 5 boxes)
- As an added benefit, many parents of your students are happy to have a place to recycle all the books their kids have outgrown.

To schedule Book Drives and Collections, call:

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www.bookwormangels.org

For information, call:

Michael Ban, Executive Director
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Book Worm Angels Fact Sheet

Who we are:

- A non-profit organization founded to help children in underachieving Chicago Public Schools strengthen their reading skills and develop a love for reading.
- An Illinois 501(c)3 corporation dedicated to improving children's literacy through the development of regular reading habits among at-risk, low income children in grades pre K-8.
- Founded in 1999 by Kermit Myers, a retired businessman who was a volunteer reading tutor at the Cabrini cluster schools.

What we do:

- Establish classroom lending libraries for recreational reading in an easily administered program involving principals, teachers, reading specialists and parents/caregivers.
- Supply about 250 new and gently used "fun" children's reading books per classroom for classroom lending libraries, in city schools where the majority of the students read below grade level. Replenish participating classrooms every year with additional books.
- Provide teachers with a manual to assist in implementation of the program.
- Encourage schools, organizations, businesses and individuals to run book drives to collect new and gently used children's books.
- Pick up books from donors and deliver books to the participating schools.

Our results:

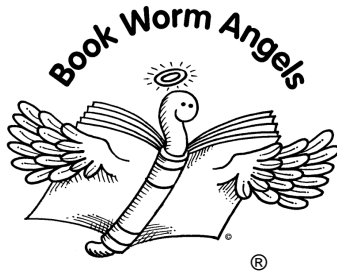
- 177 Chicago Public School schools, over 3500 classrooms and over 92,000 students participate as of October 2010. Added 20 schools in Aurora, IL, South Holland, IL, Gary, IN and Atlanta, GA with over 5,000 students.
- Over 1.9 million books collected and distributed.
- Arranged over 1000 book drives sponsored by public and parochial schools, school districts, civic organizations, scouting organizations, churches and synagogues, park districts and businesses.
- Accolades from participating principals, reading specialists and teachers.
- Recognition from Chicago Tribune, WTTW, WFMT, Pioneer Press, Rotary Club and others.

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LETTERS FROM CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"On behalf of the Chicago Public Schools, it is a pleasure to thank you for the generous support demonstrated by The Book Worm Angels. Your donations have provided needy schools with books and materials that they typically would be unable to acquire. Providing access to these books in the schools affords our students increased reading opportunities and, subsequently, leads to improved performance on standardized reading assessments."

-Arne Duncan, former Chief Executive Officer, Chicago Public Schools

"Our students are excited to take home the books to read and share with their families. Some of the parents are even practicing their English because the children have brought home your books to read. Most of the time these are the only books the students have to read at home. Due to gang activity most of our children cannot make use of the public library in the area; it is across a rival gang's territory and would be very dangerous for our students to visit."

-Debra Jenkins Lead Literacy Teacher, Hamline School

"On behalf of the students, teachers and parents of South Chicago Community School, we are extremely appreciative and thankful for your organizations effort to provide our school with a wide variety of reading resources. The reaction from children at South Chicago Community School can read in the cheerful glow on their faces. I can hear the sounds of delight and excitement resounding throughout the school halls. There isn't a day that goes by without some showing me or telling me that they are reading the books."

-Dr. Kimberly A McNeal, Principal, South Chicago Community School



John Kass

Angels spread love of reading, 1 school at a time

Kermit Myers is the tall angel with unruly white hair. Sherm Marks is the shorter, gruff angel with the NASCAR cap crammed tightly over his head.

These two elderly retired gentlemen have a strange idea. It involves encouraging kids to read, kids who don't have books at home, kids whose parents don't make books a priority.

They're the Book Worm Angels. They bring the books.

Rather than hold news conferences to wag their fingers about evil video games—or offer nagging opinions on parental responsibility and child development—they actually do something.

Myers, of Evanston, and Marks, of Wilmette, are the book angels for thousands of Chicago kids. They deal only with Chicago public schools that have very low reading test scores.

It began after Myers tutored children at Cabrini-Green and realized that many kids had no books in their homes.

So Book Worm Angels was born. They drive to suburban schools where students organize book drives. The suburban kids bring in books they've outgrown. These are brought to troubled Chicago public schools at no cost, to help teachers build

their own in-class libraries.

Such classroom libraries are critical. Teachers can reward students immediately with books and still supervise the children at their desks, or students may take them home and return them.

Book Worm Angels take no pay. They charge no fee. There's no overhead or bureaucracy of political hacks. It doesn't cost the schools a dime. In five years, they've brought about 195,000 books to schools. They're in 27 schools now.

"When we used to walk in and tell principals, 'We want to give you thousands of books,' they'd look at us like we were a couple of white-shoe salesmen," Myers said. "You know, what's the catch? Now we're a little more well known, so there's a waiting list."

There are only two basic rules each principal must follow.

- No child can be punished or fined for lost books. Even so, there is a remarkably tiny 5 percent book-loss rate.

- The principal must agree to send letters home asking parents to turn off the TV and spend half an hour reading with their child.

It takes about 10 books per child to set up these in-class libraries, so a school of 600 kids receives 6,000 books. Each year, they bring an additional 1,500 books.

"Every once in a while, you take some books down and the principal or the reading specialist has tears in her eyes," Myers said. "They just can't believe they're getting this kind of gift. You just know these kids never saw anybody reading for enjoyment. They've never seen a book in their home. You think, 'If they could just see a book read for fun, maybe they'd start reading more.'"

Sherm Marks, his buddy, was driving the van the other day as they made deliveries. Marks always drives.

"I'm the wheelman," he said, gruffly, to hide his pleasure at his work. "Kermit needed me. I thought it would be one time. All of a sudden, one school heard about it and then another, and it became a

@#\$\$—% ^&* part-time job for me."

Can't you find other ways to spend your time?

"Well, it's a pain in the butt. He's got a hernia, and I'm probably going to get one. But I feel it's a, uh. . ."

Marks fell silent for a bit.

"You can see it in those kids," he said.

"You can see the excitement."

At Guggenheim Elementary School, at 71st and Morgan on the South Side, 15 boys were waiting in the hall. They ran out and started hauling the boxes inside, excitedly checking out the titles.

There were books by R.L. Stine, Mary Pope Osborne, Beverly Cleary and Roald Dahl. There was "Anne of Greene Gables" by L.M. Montgomery, and "Little House in the Big Woods" by Laura Ingalls Wilder. There were books on combat aircraft; battleships of John Paul Jones; horses and Star Wars; "The Wind in the Willows" and "The Hobbit." There were thousands of books.

The boys wanted first pick. But the teachers usually decide that first pick.

Pat Kent is the principal at William Penn Elementary School at 16th and Avers, in Lawndale, another school that is helped by the BWA.

Schools like hers can't afford to pay \$15 per book to set up in-class libraries with non-fiction and fiction titles. With BWA, it's free.

"What we take for granted is that all kids have heard the story of the Three Little Pigs, the fairy tales, and they haven't. We take it for granted that they're read to at home," Kent said. "I went to this school. I'm from this neighborhood. That's what saved me. Being able to read."

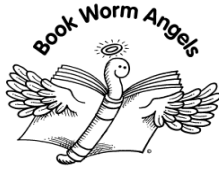
Those of us who love to read probably had some book angel helping us as kids. It's nice to know angels are still out there, named Kermit and Sherm.

If you are interested in setting up a book collection drive at your school and want to learn more, please call the Book Worm Angels at 847-471-BOOK (2665).

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Book Worm Angels





KIDS WHO READ SUCCEED

SCOREBOARD: BOOK DONORS

(Partial list ... July 2011)

SCHOOLS

Addison:	Fullerton, Indian Trail Jr. High, St. Philip the Apostle, Stone
Algonquin:	Eastview
Alsip:	Hazel Green, Prairie Jr. High
Antioch:	Antioch Upper Grade, Oakland, WC Petty
Arlington Heights:	Greenbriar, John Hershey HS, Olive-Mary Stitt, Patton, Poe, J.W. Riley, South Middle, Thomas Middle, Westgate, Windsor
Aurora:	Annunciation, Fox Valley Montessori, Granger Middle, Hall, Montessori Children's Garden, Still Middle, Thomas Middle, Wabancia Valley HS, Wheatlands, Nancy Young
Bannockburn:	Bannockburn
Barrington:	Barrington Middle, Barrington Middle – Prairie, Hough, Roslyn Road
Bartlett	Hawk Hollow, Liberty, Sycamore Trails
Batavia:	Hoover Woods, Nelson, Rotolo
Beach Park:	Beach Park Middle
Beecher:	Beecher Jr. High
Bensenville:	Blackhawk Middle
Bloomingtondale:	DuJardin, St. Isidore, Stratford
Bolingbrook:	Jane Adams Middle, Wayne Builta, Central, Independence, Pioneer, River Valley
Bridgeview:	Robian Lyle
Bristol:	Bristol Grade School
Brookfield:	Congress Park
Buffalo Grove:	Cooper, Kilmer, Prairie, St. Mary's, Twin Grove Middle
Burbank:	Liberty Jr. High
Burlington:	Central Middle
Burr Ridge:	Burr Ridge Middle, Elm, Gower Middle
Carol Stream	Carol Stream, Evergreen, Glenbard North, Heritage Lakes, Roy DuShane, Spring Trail, Western Trails
Cary:	Cary JHS, Maplewood, Three Oaks
Chicago:	Catherine Cook, Daystar, DePaul, Ebinger, Franklin Fine Arts, LaSalle II, Marist HS, Near North Montessori, Sacred Heart, St. Camilia, St. Clement, St. Joseph, St. Matthias, St. Monica, St. Simon, Stockton, Chicago Sudbury, University of Chicago Lab
Chicago Ridge:	Finley Jr. High
Clarendon Hills:	Clarendon Hills MS
Countryside:	Ideal
Crystal Lake:	Hannah Beardsley Middle School, Immanuel Lutheran, Prairie Grove Jr. High
Darien:	Cass Jr. High
Deerfield:	Caruso, Kipling, Alan B. Shepard, South Park, Wilmot
Des Plaines:	Brentwood, Central, Devonshire, Friendship Middle, Our Lady of Destiny, Science and Arts Academy, Stevenson
Downers Grove:	Downers North HS, Henry Puffer, Indian Trail, O'Neill Middle, Pierce Downer, Prairieview
Elburn:	Kaneland John Stewart
Elgin:	St. Laurence
Elk Grove Village	Clearmont, Grove Jr. High, Queen of the Rosary, Salt Creek
Elmhurst:	Field, Sandberg Middle, Churchville Middle
Evanston:	Baker, Chute, Dawes, Evanston Township HS, Haven Middle, Midwest Montessori, Nichols Middle, Oakton, Roycemore, St. Athanasius, Walker, Willard
Evergreen:	Southwest
Flossmoor:	Parker Jr. High
Forest Park:	Forest Park Middle
Fox River Grove:	Algonquin Road
Frankfort:	Dr. Julian Rogus
Franklin Park:	Hester Jr. High

Gages Lake:	Woodland Primary
Geneva:	Geneva Middle, Geneva Middle South, Geneva Middle North, St. Mill Creek, Peter
Glencoe:	Central School
Glen Ellyn:	College of DuPage, Forest Glen, Glenbard South HS, Glenbard West HS, Glen Crest Middle, Park View, St. James the Apostle
Glendale Heights:	Glenside Middle
Glenview:	Attea, Avoca West, Glen Grove, Glenview Community Church Nursery, Henking, Hoffman, Lyon, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Pleasant Ridge, Springman Middle, Washington, Westbrook, Willowbrook, Winkelman
Green Oaks:	Oak Grove
Gurnee:	O'Plaine, Viking
Hainesville:	Prairieview
Hampshire:	Hampshire Middle
Hanover Park:	Spring Woods Middle
Hebron:	Alden-Hebron Middle
Highland Park:	Braeside, Edgewood Middle, Elm Place Middle, Indian Trail, Lincoln, Northwood Jr. High, Ravinia, Red Oak, Sherwood
Hinsdale:	Hinsdale Middle, Lane
Hoffman Estates	Montessori of North Hoffman, Frank C. Whitely
Homewood:	Churchill, James Hart Jr. High, Millenium, Willow
Homer Glen:	Goodings Grove
Ingleside:	Gavin Central, Gavin South, Taveirne Middle
Island Lake:	Matthews MS
Itasca:	Peacock Middle
Johnsburg:	Johnsburg Jr. High
Joliet:	Laraway, Pershing
Kenilworth:	Joseph Sears
LaGrange:	Gurrie Middle, Highlands Middle, St. Francis Xavier, Seventh Avenue, Spring
Lake Forest:	Lake Forest Country Day, Lake Forest Graduate School of Management
Lake In the Hills:	Marlow Middle
Lake Villa:	CC School District, #41 Palombi Jr. High
Lake Zurich:	Isaac Fox, May Whitney, Lake Zurich Middle
Lansing:	Illiana Christian HS
Lemont:	Central, Old Quarry Middle, River Valley, St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick
Libertyville:	Adler Park, Butterfield, Highland Middle, Libertyville HS, Rockland
Lincolnwood	Lincoln Hall, Todd Hall
Lincolnshire	Half Day, Daniel Wright Middle
Lindenhurst:	BJ Hooper
Lisle:	Kennedy Jr. High
Lockport:	Ludwig, St. Joseph
Lombard:	Glenbard East, Westmore
Maple Park:	Kaneland Middle
Matteson:	O W Huth Middle
McHenry:	Parkland
Medinah:	Medinah Intermediate, Medinah Primary
Mokena:	Mokena Intermediate, Mokena Jr. High, St. Mary's
Morton Grove:	Edison, Parkview
Mount Prospect:	Euclid, Fairview, Forestview, Robert Frost, Holmes Jr. High, Lincoln Jr. High, Lions Park, McArthur MS, River Trails, St. Paul, St. Raymond, South
Mundelein:	Fremont Intermediate, Lincoln, West Oak Middle
Naperville:	Robert Clow, Mary Lou Cowlishaw, Clifford Crone Middle, Elmwood, Gregory Middle, Kendall, Patterson, Peterson, Ranch View, Scullen Middle, Washington Jr. High, Welch, Wheatland
New Lenox:	Liberty Jr. High, Alex Martino Jr. High, Providence HS, St. Jude
Niles:	St. Bernadette, St. John Brebeuf, St. Bernadette School for Special Children
Northbrook:	Field, Greenbriar, Grove, Maple, Meadowbrook, Nielsen Child Care, Northbrook Jr. High, Sager Solomon Schechter, Shabonee, Westcott, Wood Oaks Jr. High
Northfield:	Christian Heritage Academy, Middle Fork, Sunset Ridge
Northlake:	Northlake Middle, Roy
Oakbrook	Brook Forest
Oak Lawn:	Lawn Manor, St. Linus, Simmons Middle, St. Catherine of Alexandria

Oak Park:	Beye, Gwendolyn Brooks Middle, Abraham Lincoln, Longfellow, Percy Julian Middle
Orland Park:	High Point, Orland Center, Meadow Ridge, Orland Jr. High
Palatine:	Hunting Ridge, Palatine HS, Pleasant Hill, Quest Academy, Sanborn, Walter Sundling Jr. High, Winston
Palos Heights:	Good Shepard Bible, Independence Jr. High, Navajo
Palos Park	Palos South MS
Park Ridge-Niles:	District 64, Benjamin Franklin, Lincoln Middle, Roosevelt
Peotone:	Peotone Jr. High
Plainfield:	Heritage Grove Middle, Indian Trail Middle, Ridge, Richard Ira Jones Middle, Timber Ridge Middle, Wesmere
Prospect Heights:	Eisenhower, MacArthur Middle, Prospect Heights HS, Anne Sullivan
Richmond:	Nippersink Middle
Riverside:	Hauser Jr. High
Rolling Meadows:	Rolling Meadows HS, Carl Sandburg Jr. High
Romeoville:	Skoff
Roselle:	Lake Park HS, Roselle Middle, St. Walter, Spring Hill
St. Charles:	Bell Graham, Corron, Davis, Fox Ridge, Lincoln, Munhall, Richmond, St. Charles HS North, St. Patrick, Thompson Middle, Wild Rose, Wredling Middle
Schaumburg:	Campanelli
Skokie:	Devonshire, East Prairie, Lincoln Jr. High, Madison, McCracken Middle, Middleton, Niles North HS, Oakton Comm. Coll. Early Childhood Ctr., Old Orchard Jr. High, Solomon Schechter Day School, St. Joan of the Arc, St. Paul Lutheran, St. Peter's, Stenson
S. Chicago Hts.	Saukview
Sugar Grove:	Kaneland John Shields
Sycamore:	Southeast
Tinley Park:	Central, Grissom Middle
Vernon Hills:	Hawthorn Middle, Hawthorn North, Hawthorn South
Villa Park:	Albright Middle, Jefferson Middle
Wadsworth:	Millburn, CC School District 24
Wasco:	Wasco
Wauconda	Wauconda Middle
West Chicago:	Norton Creek
Westchester:	Westchester Intermediate, Westchester Middle, Westchester Primary
Western Springs:	Field Park, Forest Hills, Laidlaw
Westmont:	Manning, South
Wheaton:	Edison Middle, Franklin Middle, Hubble Middle, Monroe Middle
Wheeling:	Eugene Field, Holmes Middle, London Middle, Tarkington
Wilmette:	Central, Harper, Highcrest Middle, McKenzie, Ramona, Wilmette Jr. High, St. Francis Xavier, St. Joseph, Trinity Church Nursery
Winfield:	St. John the Baptist
Winnetka:	Crow Island, Faith, Hope and Charity, Greeley, Hubbard Woods, New Trier HS, Washburne, Winnetka Community Nursery
Winthrop Harbor:	North Prairie Jr. High
Wonderlake:	Greenwood
Wood Dale:	Holy Ghost, Oakbrook, West View, Wood Dale Jr. High
Woodridge:	Edgewood
Woodstock:	Greenwood, Northwood Middle
Yorkville:	Yorkville Grade School

ROTARY CLUBS

Arlington Heights, Bloomington-Roselle, Carol Stream, Crystal Lake, Elgin, Evanston, Highland Park, Lake Forest/Lake Bluff, Libertyville Sunrise Club, McHenry, Mt. Prospect, Rolling Meadows, Roselle-Bloomingtondale, Wadsworth, Wheeling, Wilmette Noon Club, Winnetka

LIBRARIES

Addison, Carol Stream, Elburn, Highland Park, Indian Trails Wheeling, Wilmette, Kaneville, Mt. Prospect, Orland Park, Park Ridge, Western Springs, Westmont

SCOUTS

Eagle Scouts: Burr Ridge, Deerfield, Glenview, Gurnee, Kenilworth, Mokena, Naperville, Northbrook, Palos Park, Skokie, Western Springs, Wilmette
Boy Scouts: Elmhurst Tiger Cub Scout Den 1, Elmhurst Cub Scout Pack 23 & Pack 24, Visitation Cub Scout Pack 14, North Riverside Cub Scout Troop 120, Signal Hill District Cub Scout Pack 153

Girl Scouts: Antioch Troop #888, Arlington Hts. Jr. Girl Scouts, Troop #3539, Elmhurst Brownie Troop 511, Jr. Girl Scout Troop 676, Mundelein Girl Scouts, Naperville Troop #1493, Northbrook, South Elgin Girl Scouts, Wauconda Brownies,

OTHER

Antioch: CCSD #34, Upper Grade School
Arlington Heights: St. Simons Episcopal Church
Bensenville: St. Bede's Church, UPS Supply Chain Solutions
Bloomingtondale: Half Price Books
Buffalo Grove: Kingswood Church, Park District
Carol Stream: Delta Kappa Gamma
Chicago: ABA Young Lawyers Section, Calypso Café, Ebinger, Fourth Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph Church, St. Simon Church, University Club, Working in The Schools
Countryside: Half Price Books
Deerfield: Holy Cross Church
Des Plaines: Oakton Community College
Elgin: First Congregational Church
Elmhurst: First United Methodist Church
Evanston: Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation
Glen Ellyn: College of DuPage, Parkview Community Church
Highland Park: Half Price Books
Hoffman Estates: Usborne Books
Lake Zurich: Peace Lutheran Church, Rainbow Books
Lincolnshire: Hewitt Associates
Lombard: The M.O.M.S. Ministry
Long Grove: St. Mary, Temple Chai
Melrose Park: Jewel Osco
Niles: Half Price Books
Northbrook: Shir Hadash
Northfield: Children's Gift Outlet
Northlake: Kiwanis
Oak Lawn: Simmons Middle
Orland Park: Our Lady of the Woods
Palatine: Children or the American Revolution, Delta Kappa Gamma, Half Price Books, Make a Difference Club, St. Simon's Episcopal Church
River Grove: Reading is Fundamental
Riverside: Riverside Jr. Women's Club
Rosemont: Chicago Wolves
St. Charles: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
St. John, IN: St. John Evangelical
Skokie: Lifetime Fitness Child Center
Western Springs: First Congregational Church, St. John of the Cross
Wilmette: BHCBE Sisterhood, First Presbyterian, Rock For Reading, Wilmette Women's Club
Winnetka: Book Stall at Chestnut Court, Winnetka Congregational Church
Woodridge: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Ravinia Festival: Summer Fest
Chicago Tribune: John Kass column
WTTW: Chicago Tonight



Book Worm Angels (BWA)

Recipient School Scoreboard

Number of Schools 198 Total Students 103,947

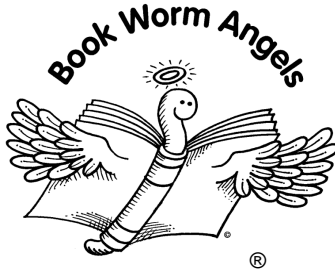
<u>School</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>BWA Started</u>	<u>Students</u>
Altgeld	Chicago	Winter '06	655
Armour	Chicago	Spring '09	350
Ashe	Chicago	Fall '06	525
Attucks	Chicago	Winter '08	289
Avalon Park	Chicago	Fall '07	595
Avondale	Chicago	Winter '10	1003
Azuela	Chicago	Fall '10	760
Banneker	Chicago	Fall '07	350
Barton	Chicago	Fall '06	750
Bass	Chicago	Fall '07	587
Beaupre	Aurora	Summer '08	370
Beethoven	Chicago	Winter '09	422
Beidler	Chicago	Spring '06	490
Bethune	Chicago	Spring '07	370
Bethune	Gary, IN	Winter '09	725
Bond	Chicago	Spring '05	400
Bontemps	Chicago	Fall '07	500
Bouchet	Chicago	Fall '06	900
Bradwell	Chicago	Fall '06	651
Brighton Park	Chicago	Fall '08	750
Brownell	Chicago	Winter '07	299
Brunson	Chicago	Fall '07	750
Caldwell	Chicago	Winter '09	403
Calhoun North	Chicago	Spring '05	467
Cameron	Chicago	Spring '06	1000
Cardenas	Chicago	Winter '08	660
Carter	Chicago	Winter '11	425
Cather	Chicago	Spring '07	225
Chalmers	Chicago	Fall '04	248
Chase	Chicago	Winter '10	513
Claremont	Chicago	Spring '07	700
Cleveland	Chicago	Fall '04	700
Coolidge	Phoenix, IL	Winter '11	550
Copernicus	Chicago	Spring '07	373
Cowherd	Aurora, IL	Spring '11	1000
Crown	Chicago	Fall '03	390
Curtis	Chicago	Fall '08	480

Darwin	Chicago	Spring '02	735
Delano	Chicago	Spring '07	457
Deneen	Chicago	Fall '07	459
DePriest	Chicago	Fall '06	609
Dewey	Chicago	Spring '03	415
Dieterich	Aurora	Winter '11	740
Doolittle East	Chicago	Fall '05	548
Dubois	Chicago	Winter '09	217
Dodge	Chicago	Spring '10	470
Dulles	Chicago	Fall '06	550
Dumas	Chicago	Spring '05	386
Dvorak	Chicago	Fall '04	591
Earle	Chicago	Fall '05	360
East Chicago Lighthouse	East Chicago, IN	Spring '10	340
Eisenhower	South Holland, IL	Fall '10	330
Emmett	Chicago	Fall '07	545
Ericson	Chicago	Fall '03	572
Everett	Chicago	Spring '10	370
Fairfield	Chicago	Spring '06	700
Fairmont	Lockport, IL	Spring '11	300
Faraday	Chicago	Winter '06	215
Finkl	Chicago	Fall '10	600
Fiske	Chicago	Spring '06	389
Fort Dearborn	Chicago	Fall '08	614
Fuller	Chicago	Fall '05	225
Fulton	Chicago	Spring '07	673
Gallistel	Chicago	Spring '09	1450
Gary	Chicago	Spring '08	1142
Gillespie	Chicago	Winter '08	600
Goldblatt	Chicago	Winter '08	300
Goodlow	Chicago	Fall '05	523
Graham	Chicago	Spring '09	480
Gregory	Chicago	Spring '04	399
Gresham Park	Atlanta, GA	Winter '09	350
Guggenheim	Chicago	Winter '04	345
Haley	Chicago	Winter '08	650
Hamline	Chicago	Fall '05	825
Hammond	Chicago	Winter '09	450
Harding	Hammond, IN	Fall '09	631
Harvard	Chicago	Fall '05	486
Hay	Chicago	Spring '06	650
Henderson	Chicago	Fall '05	539
Hendricks Academy	Chicago	Fall '05	304
Henson	Chicago	Spring '04	300
Herbert	Chicago	Winter '08	450
Herzl	Chicago	Fall '07	585
Hinton	Chicago	Fall '07	400
Holmes	Chicago	Winter '06	506
Hosford Park	Gary, IN	Fall '10	312
Howe	Chicago	Spring '06	652
Indian Creek	Atlanta, GA	Spring '09	785
Jackson	Chicago	Spring '06	346

Jefferson	Gary, IN	Winter '09	562
Jefferson Alternative	Chicago	Fall '09	350
Jenner	Chicago	Fall '01	407
Johnson	Chicago	Spring '04	373
Joplin	Chicago	Summer '09	600
Kanoon	Chicago	Winter '08	705
Kenwood	Hammond, IN	Fall '09	300
Kershaw	Chicago	Fall '07	250
Key	Chicago	Spring '06	350
King	Chicago	Winter '08	325
Kohn	Chicago	Winter '07	400
Krug	Aurora	Winter '11	414
Lafayette	Chicago	Fall '07	615
Lafayette	Hammond, IN	Fall '09	425
Lavizzo	Chicago	Winter '06	480
Lawndale	Chicago	Spring '04	600
Lawrence	Chicago	Fall '07	450
Lee	Chicago	Spring '08	1100
Lew Wallace	Hammond, IN	Fall '09	424
Lewis	Chicago	Fall '07	600
Libby	Chicago	Spring '06	641
Locke	Chicago	Fall '08	1275
Logandale	Chicago	Winer '10	272
Lovett	Chicago	Spring '10	520
Lowell	Chicago	Spring '09	687
Madison	Chicago	Spring '07	415
Madison	South Holland, IL	Winter '08	340
Manierre	Chicago	Spring '02	534
Mann	Chicago	Spring '08	500
Marconi	Chicago	Fall '06	327
Marquette	Chicago	Spring '08	1685
Mason	Chicago	Winter 04	621
May	Chicago	Winter '07	700
Mays	Chicago	Fall '08	356
McKay	Chicago	Fall '07	1250
McKay Campus	Fitchburg, MA	Winer '11	414
McKinley Park	Chicago	Spring '04	262
McNair	Chicago	Winter '06	575
McNair	Atlanta, GA	Winter '09	868
Melody	Chicago	Winter '08	464
Mireles	Chicago	Winter '08	1000
Moos	Chicago	Fall '08	568
Morgan	Chicago	Fall '07	336
Morrill	Chicago	Spring '08	985
Morton	Chicago	Winter '08	295
Mount Vernon	Chicago	Winter '08	325
Nash	Chicago	Winter '07	525
National Teachers	Chicago	Spring '06	492
Neil	Chicago	Fall '08	350
New Sullivan	Chicago	Spring '06	500
Nicholson	Chicago	Fall '06	500
Nixon	Chicago	Spring '07	1050

Nobel	Chicago	Spring '03	830
Oak Park	Aurora	Summer '08	725
O'Bannon	Hammond, IN	Fall '09	680
Oglesby	Chicago	Spring '05	500
O'Keefe	Chicago	Spring '07	652
O'Toole	Chicago	Fall '05	689
Overton	Chicago	Fall '05	375
Ortiz	Chicago	Winter '09	780
Paderewski	Chicago	Fall '03	274
Park Manor	Chicago	Fall '06	380
Parker	Chicago	Fall '07	750
Parkman	Chicago	Fall '05	230
Parkside	Chicago	Spring '07	375
Peachcrest	Decatur, GA	Winter '09	371
Penn	Chicago	Fall '02	380
Piccolo	Chicago	Spring '05	786
Pope	Chicago	Fall '03	200
Powell	Chicago	Fall '07	618
Price	Chicago	Fall '05	299
Pullman	Chicago	Spring '07	300
Randolph	Chicago	Fall '08	650
Reavis	Chicago	Winter '06	400
Reed	Chicago	Fall '05	270
Reilly	Lowell, MA	Summer '09	530
Revere	Chicago	Spring '05	413
Robinson	Chicago	Spring '10	200
Rollins	Aurora	Summer '08	420
Ross, Betsy	Chicago	Fall '06	489
Ruggles	Chicago	Fall '08	480
Ryerson	Chicago	Fall '06	476
Schmid	Chicago	Winter '08	254
Sexton	Chicago	Winter '06	426
Sherman	Chicago	Fall '05	583
Sherwood	Chicago	Fall '05	450
Smith	Chicago	Fall '05	400
Smyth	Chicago	Fall '04	509
Songhai	Chicago	Fall '07	532
Stagg	Chicago	Winter '05	620
Taft	Harvey, IL	Winter '11	380
Talman	Chicago	Fall '08	350
Tanner	Chicago	Winter '09	530
Thorp	Chicago	Fall '07	600
Till (McCosh)	Chicago	Fall '06	801
Tilton	Chicago	Fall '05	400
Wadsworth	Chicago	Winter '10	297
Washington	Chicago	Fall '09	670
Webster	Chicago	Winter '08	424
Wentworth	Chicago	Fall '07	450
Westcott	Chicago	Fall '07	450
West Pullman	Chicago	Fall '05	498
White	Chicago	Winter '09	175
Whittier	Chicago	Fall '05	385

Williams Multiplex	Chicago	Fall '04	350	
Woods	Chicago	Spring '07	480	
Woodson	Chicago	Winter '09	500	
Yale	Chicago	Winter '05	299	
Yates	Chicago	Fall '08	755	
5/16/11	Number of Schools	198	Total Students	103,947



"Kids who read succeed"

BOOK DRIVE COLLECTION KIT

ATTACHED ARE TOOLS TO HELP YOU HAVE A SUCCESSFUL BOOK DRIVE

1. Book Drive Planning Tool

2. Tried and True Tips for a Successful Book Drive

3. Suggested Letter from School to Parents

4. Sample Press Release

- We will be happy to send this out for you.

5. Book Collection Announcement Poster

- Place the poster at the Book Collection Depot and other places around the school. You can make copies of the poster – same size, or enlarge it. Try using brightly colored paper. Or, use white paper – make a lot of copies and let students have fun coloring them.

6. Certificates

- These may be placed in some of your boxes to identify your school.

**PLEASE REMEMBER.
WE NEED NEW OR GENTLY USED FUN, GENERAL INTEREST BOOKS
PRE KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8th GRADE
(No textbooks, encyclopedias or religious books, please)**

Typical School collection drive brings in 1,500+ books = 25 boxes of books

GOOD LUCK!

THANKS FOR HELPING IN THIS "KIDS HELPING KIDS" PROGRAM!

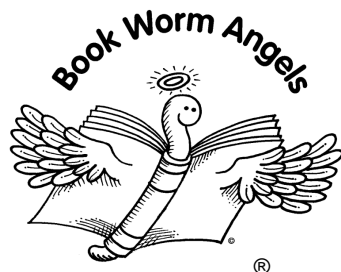
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Book Drive Planning Tool

Preparation

- Decide dates for book drive (we recommend two weeks any time during the year)
- Delegate responsibilities (promotion, distributing collection boxes packing boxes, organizing incentives)
- Identify sites for collection boxes
- Decide what incentives, if any, you are going to use (see Book Drive Tips for ideas)

Promotion

- Prepare letter for students to take home announcing the book drive and requesting book donations of new or gently used children's books
- Publicize in local newspaper (we will work with you and send out a press release)
- Get large boxes (wardrobe boxes work well) for your collection sites and have students decorate them
- Have students make posters and display them throughout the building

During Book Drive

- Put books in medium size stackable boxes (students should be able to lift them)
- Near the end of the drive, communicate with your Book Worm Angel contact regarding pick up date and number of boxes

Post Book Drive

- Send press release to local newspaper
- Thank all those who helped with book drive including contributors of incentives
- Make notes on what worked well

Plan Next Year's Drive!!

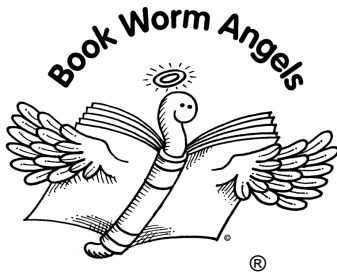
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Tried and True Tips for a Successful Book Drive

These are actual ideas that worked for other schools. Tailor any of them to your specific school environment.

- Solicit cooperation from local businesses to donate merchandise or coupons (movie theaters, book stores, restaurants, sporting good stores, etc.) to use as incentives.
- Hold a competition offering pizza or ice cream sundaes to the group who collects the most books.
- Offer a period of “No Homework” to individuals or groups that bring in the most books.
- Hold drive in conjunction with a book fair and encourage families to buy extra books to donate
- Allow students to choose one book to take home from the collected books for each 5 books they donate.

Please share your success stories with us so we can include your ideas on our Tip Sheet.

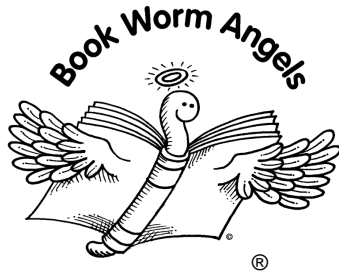
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Suggested Letter from School to Parents

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to be holding a book drive for BOOK WORM ANGELS, a program designed to place NEW OR GENTLY USED FUN BOOKS in Chicago elementary schools where a majority of the children read below grade level. The book drive will be held from _____ to _____ and we need your help.

So, PLEASE look on your book shelves...look in your attic...look in your basement...ask your friends and neighbors to look for new or gently used fun books that could help a child (Pre K – 8th Grade) learn the enjoyment of reading. A great family project is to go through your bookshelves together and decide which books your children would like to pass on to another child. NO RELIGIOUS, TEXT BOOKS OR ENCYCLOPEDIAS, PLEASE.

Started in 1999, the Book Worm Angels program is now in 174 inner city schools, serving over 94,000 at-risk kids. BOOK WORM ANGELS volunteers have collected and delivered over 1,400,000 books, more than 250,000 in the last year alone.

One of the school principals says, "Book Worm Angels has definitely increased interest in reading and has gone a long way in helping increase reading scores in our school."

More inner-city schools need the Book Worm Angels program. THAT'S WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Please bring books to school. Our book drive starts on _____ and ends_____.

THANK YOU.

_____ Book Drive Coordinator

P.S. THE PROGRAM WORKS - Last year, overall, Chicago Elementary school reading scores went up. Schools that had the Book Worm Angels program for 6 months or more did TWICE AS WELL as schools that did not. Further, 95% of participating teachers indicated the program significantly helps children learn the joy of reading.

Contact: Mindy Ferber 773-332-8091

[LOCAL] SCHOOL LAUNCHES BOOK DRIVE FOR INNER-CITY CHILDREN

Chicago, IL (date) – The ___[school]___ in ___[town]___ is collecting new and gently used children’s books that will be donated to public elementary schools in Chicago where the majority of students are reading below grade-level. The book drive runs from ___[date]___ through ___[date]___.

“We are asking students and their parents to bring us books that are enjoyable, fun reading for inner-city children ages five through thirteen,” says ___[school’s contact]___, coordinator of the collection. “It’s a great ‘kids helping kids’ program to improve literacy.”

Book Worm Angels, a not-for-profit organization, is the force behind this and other book drives conducted throughout the year, primarily in Chicago’s suburbs. The mission of Book Worm Angels is to put lending libraries in each classroom in Chicago elementary schools where so many children are reading below grade level. Principals, teachers, and parents are encouraged to present these books as fun reading, not school work. There are no penalties for lost or damaged books.

“We believe that kids who read will succeed,” says Kermit Myers, a retired businessman who founded Book Worm Angels in 1999. “Many of the participating schools are convinced that our program has improved reading scores, which probably also improves performance in other subjects.”

Myers says that more than 192,000 at-risk children now can borrow books right in their classrooms. Over 1,900,000 books have been collected to date and put into 198 inner city schools.

“We have a continual need for more books to replenish the libraries and to start programs in other schools where so many students read below grade level.”

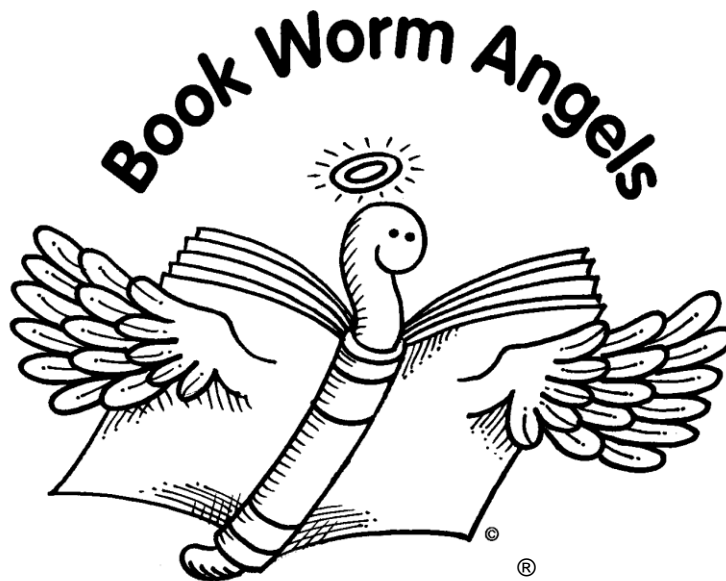
___[last name of school contact]___ says anyone with children’s books in good condition can bring them to –[where, dates, and times]. For more information about Book Worm Angels, visit www.bookwormangels.org, or call 773-332-8091.

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Please Donate New or Gently Used



Children's Books

Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade

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CLASSROOM LENDING LIBRARIES**

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KIDS WHO READ SUCCEED

THANKS FOR HELPING BOOK WORM ANGELS by having a book collection drive!
Feel free to place the forms below in some of your boxes.
Again – THANKS for participating in this “kids helping kids” program!

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These books are happily given to you by the kids from



(Name of School)

Address _____ **City** _____ **IL** _____ **Zip**

HAPPY READING!!

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