

Give A Kid A Book

Book Collection Guidelines

1. Books must be new or very gently used.
 - Intact spines...No writing or highlighting...No torn or worn covers/pages
 - Helpful: make any minor repairs before boxing the books
 - Paperback and hard cover are both collected

2. Fiction
 - Can be a variety of genres: classics, romance, mystery, etc.
 - Books for babies and toddlers are collected
 - Children's picture books with text, or wordless
 - Children's novels (chapter books...some easy, some more difficult)
 - Young adult novels (avoid stereotypes)
 - Highly desired: picture books or novels featuring children of color, or stories of Africa and specifically, African children
 - Highly desired: large books, called by category, "Big Books" – approximately 22" x 18" (Scholastic, Macmillan, etc.)

3. Nonfiction
 - Current, not published before 2000
 - Desired areas: science, technology, history, geography, etc.
 - These books should be written for children
 - Plentiful, attractive illustrations...clear writing
 - Information finding tools such as table of contents, index, graphs, etc.
 - Not specific to the US, e.g., US history/civics – not written from a US point of view
 - Highly desired: children's encyclopedias (one volume or many), atlases, maps, children's dictionaries
 - Highly desired: DK (Dorling Kindersley) Eyewitness Books (for children)...a list is available at www.dk.com

4. Teaching/Learning Materials
 - Posters – content about books/reading...science/math information, etc.
 - Charts/maps (current)
 - Education games: checkers, chess, Uno, Othello, etc.
 - Flash cards...dice...magnets...protractors/metric rulers/compasses... legos/Tinkertoys/building materials...magnetic letters/wooden puzzles... Jacks/jump rope clothesline...math manipulatives/marbles
 - Construction paper, lined paper, pencils/pens/markers/glue sticks

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