

How to organize a successful book drive for Book Buddies!

- Gently used or new books appropriate for preschool, elementary and middle school-aged students. Board books, picture books and chapter books are ideal.
- Culturally relevant books and books in Spanish are greatly needed.
- For a list of high-demand, high-need books for 1st – 5th graders, please visit our [Amazon Registry](#).
- Financial donations help purchase new culturally relevant and home-language books, ensuring that every child we serve has the affirming experience of seeing themselves reflected in the books they read. You can make a financial gift at SAISDFoundation.com/donate and note “Book Buddies” in the comments.



Please note: We are unable to find homes for musty or damaged books, magazines, coloring books, encyclopedias, textbooks, or books for adults.

Pre-Book Drive Logistics:

- Where will the book drive be held? Good locations include your office, small retail businesses, or local schools. You don't have to choose just one. You can ask businesses in your area to collect books for the drive. Neighbors can drop off books in a container on your doorstep.
- Choose an appropriate time to hold the book drive. Join forces with an already-scheduled community event, work event, or piggyback on a national celebration.
- Boxes or bins for book collection should be placed where they will be most visible, such as in entryways or lobbies, or, as an alternative, in offices or classrooms. Boxes or bins should be strong enough to hold large numbers of books. Plastic storage bins (18-gallon) work well.
- Determine the length of your book drive. A typical drive lasts 2–4 weeks.
- Determine how you want to advertise your event. [Download a flyer template here](#). Download [social media graphics to advertise your drive here](#).
- Click [here to download a poster](#) for your collection bins.

Drop off:

- Books can be dropped off at the Book Buddies warehouse located off Hwy. 90 & SW 36th Street at 311 North Frank Luke Dr. #108.
- Make arrangements for a drop-off day & time by emailing Alumni & Community Engagement Manager Carrie Smith at csmith@saisd.net or by calling (210) 554-2235.

Share photos of your Book Drive on social media and tag us @SAISDFoundation

