

Guidelines for Accepting Donated Books

We appreciate your interest in donating your new or gently-used books to Early Literacy Projects (ELP) at the Department of Pediatrics, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health! Below are guidelines that may help you in gathering your collection of books. Feel free to contact us if you have questions at ror@pediatrics.wisc.edu. Thank you, in advance, for supporting the love of reading!



ELP is happy to accept used and new children's books according to the following guidelines. These guidelines were developed out of respect for the families of the children we serve and in keeping with the mission of our participating Reach Out and Read programs that children grow up with books and a love of reading.

New Books: donations of new books are very welcome but should be:

- Developmentally appropriate for children ages 6 months to 5 years of age.
- Not be on subjects such as religion, death, divorce, or medical issues
- Not promote any products (such as Disney or Nickelodeon characters, etc.)

Check the Reach Out and Read Wisconsin [website](#) (under Books) for a bibliography of favorite books for children ages 6 months to 5 years of age.

High Quality Gently-Used Books: are given to siblings accompanying a child at a well-child visit and at sick visits at our UW Health Pediatric Reach Out and Read programs. These books are also placed in the waiting rooms of many pediatric specialty clinics at the American Family Children's Hospital so that adults and children can have the opportunity to read books together.

Gently-used books must meet the following criteria:

- Must be in very good condition (covers and pages intact, clean and readable, and free of handwriting)
- Books may be for the following age groups: infants up to and including teenagers
- No adult books (Please donate good quality, gently used adult books to your local public library.)
- No textbooks
- No used coloring or activity books
- No books with themes such as death, religion, holidays, divorce or abuse

Delivery: ELP staff is not able to pick up books so arrangements to deliver the books must be scheduled with the ELP site coordinator at ror@pediatrics.wisc.edu, or by calling 608-265-6050.

- Verify the time and place of delivery
- Determine if you will need help unloading the books and call ahead to make arrangements for assistance
- Inform the staff that the books are for the ROR program

Mailing: Books may also be mailed to the ELP at the address listed below. Please clearly mark each box:
ELP PROJECTS (Attn: Sheila Muehlenbruch).

Early Literacy Projects Coordinator: Sheila Muehlenbruch
Site: American Family Children's Hospital
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