

Donate to the Holiday Book Drive

GIVE THE GIFT OF READING

The FRIENDS Committee of the Library Friends Foundation is asking for your donation of new or good used children's books this holiday season. This is the fourth year for the drive for books for distribution to local children through Project Holiday and to several local agencies serving children who are away from home.

This year's drive will begin Monday, November 15 and run through the end of December. Books should be brought to the special holiday box near the stained glass window on the library's first floor. All proceeds from Duncan the Parking Meter during the drive will go to purchase new books for Project Holiday. Those attending "Books for Giving and Liking" on November 21 may also purchase and donate books.

The Crisis Center, a participant in Project Holiday, expects 2800 children will need gifts this year. Due to last summer's floods, many more people are in need. Last year only 1000 children's books were donated. Please be generous so that 2800 children may have a book of their very own.

Many of the donated books will be distributed through Project Holiday at the armory in mid-December. Volunteers are invited to help with the distribution on that day. If you're interested, call Mary Gantz, 338-4406.

Children's books will continue to be collected through the end of December at the library for distribution through library outreach programs to Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County, Domestic Violence Intervention Program, and the Emergency Housing Project.

The library accepts all types of book donations on a year-round basis to add to its own collection, place in outreach locations, or sell at the FRIENDS book sales. The next booksale will be November 13 in the library garage.



Books for Giving and Liking

For the second year in a row, the Friends Foundation is sponsoring "Books for Giving and Liking"—a unique fund raising event that allows you an opportunity:

To learn more about the best new books for children and young adults.

To purchase the books—on the spot—for holiday giving, have them gift-wrapped AND packaged for mailing, if necessary; and,

To help support the Iowa City Public Library children's services department.

"Books for Giving and Liking" is scheduled for Sunday, November 21 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Meeting Rooms A, B and C of the Library. The event is two weeks earlier than last year's, so that book-buying can be at the top of your holiday shopping schedule. The program will last two hours (last year's was four hours long) giving shoppers more time to participate in several other events scheduled in the Iowa City area that day.