Moo, Baa, Buy a Book!

Book Drive for Preschoolers from Homeless Families

Reading aloud to a child is an important learning and bonding activity, but for children in an unstable housing situation, books can be hard to come by. Help us collect new board books for 300 preschool kids without homes in King County. The books will be distributed by Project Cool of the Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness.

Project Cool for Back to School provides school supplies for more than 2,000 children in King County every year. The 300 preschoolers who receive "goodie bags" from Project Cool usually get board books in their bags, but this year there wasn't enough money for those books.

The list below is useful because these are age-appropriate titles for preschool kids (ages 3-5), according to the experts we consulted. *(Not all board books are of interest to preschoolers.)*

The Wish List: Top Five Board Books for Preschoolers

Available at: Seattle U Bookstore and seattleubookstore.com, Elliott Bay Book Co. and elsewhere

- Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See? (Martin, Bill)
- Good Night Gorilla (Rathman, Peggy)
- Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear, The (Wood, Audrey)
- Moo, Baa, La La La (Boynton, Sandra)
- Very Hungry Caterpillar, The (Carle, Eric)

OTHER BOOKS ON THE WISH LIST:

Bear Snores On (Wilson, Karma)
Box of Truth (Henkes, Kevin)
Boy of Mine (Asim)
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom (Martin, Bill)
Dinosaur Roar! (Stickland)
Duck in the Truck (Alborough)
Each Peach Pear Plum (Ahlberg)
Girl of Mine (Asim)
Guess How Much I Love You (McBratney)
Harry the Dirty Dog (Zion)
Hug *(Lap-size board book)* (Alborough)
I Am a Bunny (Rison & Scarry)
I Love Trucks! (Sturges)
I Stink! (McMullen, Kate)
Jamberry (Degen, Bruce)
Little Fur Family (Brown)
Max & Ruby (Wells)
Mike Mulligan & His Steam Shovel (Burton)
Monster at the End of this Book, the (Stone, Jon)
"More More More" Said the Baby (William)
My Friends (Gomi)
Napping House, The (Wood, Audrey)
Olivia (Falconer, Ian)
Owen & Mzee – Best Friends (Hatkoff & Kuhumbu)
Owl Babies (Waddell & Martin)
Paper Bag Princess (Munsch)
Rainbow Fish (Herbert)
Sheep in a Jeep (Shaw)
Slide, Already (Allen)
Snowy Day, The (Keats)
Spring Is Here (Gomi)
Stella Luna (Cannon)
We're Going on a Bear Hunt (Rosen & Oxenbury)
Whose Knees are These? (Jabari Asim)

Please bring your new book donation to the Seattle U Bookstore, SU Student Center, or Elliott Bay, Sept. 13-Oct. 22, 2010. Or ship to: Preschool Book Drive, Seattle U Department of Communication, 901 12th Avenue, Lynn Building 300, Seattle, WA 98122, (206) 296-2034. More information and links: www.preschoolbookdrive.com.

Donations of money are tax-exempt and can be sent to: Project Cool/SKCCH, 77 S. Washington St., Seattle, WA 98104. Checks should be made out to Project Cool/SKCCH. www.homelessinfo.org.

Hosted by the Center for Strategic Communications, Seattle University

Special thanks to:
The staffs of the Children's Center at Seattle Public Library, Seattle University Bookstore, Elliott Bay Book Co. and University Book Store for their recommendations.

Seattle University Journalism Fellowships on Family Homelessness http://www.seattleu.edu/artsci/communication/csc