




*Our mission is to create a more literate Nashville and ignite children's passion for reading through book ownership and enthusiastic volunteers. We envision a future in Nashville where all children own books and know first-hand the value and joy of reading.*



### Book'em's programs include:



-  **Books for Nashville's Kids** provides books year-round to youth from birth through high school without many books of their own. In 2018, over 80,000 books were distributed through this program.
-  **Reading Is Fundamental (RIF)** places volunteers in Title I elementary schools in Davidson County, providing reading role models and books to these children five times throughout the school year. During the 2017-18 school year, about 4,000 students in 230 classrooms at 13 MNPS schools had reading role models and took home close to 20,000 books. RIF expanded into 17 schools for the 2018-19 school year.
-  **Ready for Reading** places reading volunteers in community preschools focusing on children in low-income areas. These reading role models read with small groups of preschoolers once a week. During the 2017-18 school year, 10 classrooms were served through this program.







Across these programs, Book'em distributed over **100,000** books in 2018.

### Get Involved:

-  Become a **reading role model volunteer** or **help in our RIF book room** – fill out our volunteer application at [www.bookem-kids.org/volunteer-application](http://www.bookem-kids.org/volunteer-application) or contact Connie Williams at [connie@bookem-kids.org](mailto:connie@bookem-kids.org).
-  Through Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), volunteers read and distribute books to their assigned elementary classroom 5 times during the school year. The time commitment is about 30 minutes per visit, plus driving and selecting books to read aloud from our book room at Rose Park Middle School.

-  Through Ready for Reading, volunteers read to a small group of preschoolers and/or one-on-one with preschoolers at their assigned child development center once a week or every other week. The time commitment is about 30 minutes per visit, plus driving and selecting books to read aloud.
  
-  Volunteer in our **Books for Nashville's Kids book room** – fill out our volunteer application at [www.bookem-kids.org/volunteer-application](http://www.bookem-kids.org/volunteer-application) or contact Erin Caby at [erin@bookem-kids.org](mailto:erin@bookem-kids.org).

  -  Volunteers prepare and sort incoming books for distribution or pack up these books for those that have requested them. Most volunteers help in our book room for 1-3 hours at a time and schedule is flexible.
  -  Group volunteering arrangements can also be made for groups of up to 20.

  
-  Organize a **book drive and/or donate books to our Books for Nashville's Kids program** – contact Stacey Vanyo at [stacey@bookem-kids.org](mailto:stacey@bookem-kids.org).
  -  Collect books through a book drive with your school, workplace, civic group, club, team, congregation, neighborhood, or anywhere else where you are plugged in. You can find more information and resources at [www.bookem-kids.org/donate](http://www.bookem-kids.org/donate).
  -  Donate books from your bookshelves that you are ready to pass on. We are most in need of new and like-new books for children and teens ages 0-18.
  
-  Make a **financial donation** to provide books and support Book'em's mission in other ways – contact Chelsea Cahill at [chelsea@bookem-kids.org](mailto:chelsea@bookem-kids.org).
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  -  Credit card donations can be made online at [www.bookem-kids.org/donate](http://www.bookem-kids.org/donate).

