



**November 15,
through
December 13,
2019**

The Literacy Council's Annual Holiday Book Drive

begins November 15, 2019. The Literacy Council of Frederick County is again partnering with Curious Iguana for our Annual Holiday Book Drive to provide new books for **elementary school aged children (PreK through 5th grade)**.

While the Literacy Council serves adult literacy needs, providing appealing, age-appropriate books to children fosters literacy at a young age and helps to break the cycle of low literacy in families. The books will be given to parents of children in elementary school who are participating in the Literacy Council's tutoring or class instruction programs. The Literacy Council recently began working directly with the Judy Center and Lincoln, Hillcrest and Waverley Elementary Schools to provide tutoring at the schools for parents whose children attend these schools, and many of our other students also have young children with whom to share the books.

Suggestions for younger grades include: board books, picture books (fiction and nonfiction), early chapter books; and for older grades: mid-grade chapter books, paperback series, graphic novels, and STEM titles.

To participate in the Holiday Book Drive, you may purchase and donate books between **November 15 and December 13** at Curious Iguana in downtown Frederick (12 N. Market St.). Or you may simply purchase a book and drop it off at the Literacy Council's office at 110 E. Patrick St. no later than December 13.

Donors often like to share a childhood favorite or just encourage the habit of reading in a child. **We request no religious holiday themed books so that we are not limited in distributing them.**

The Holiday Book Drive, now in its 13th year, has provided books for several local agencies including Head Start, the YMCA's Early Learning Center, Toys for Tots, Advocates for Homeless Families, Children of Incarcerated Parents (COIP), and Blessings in a Backpack.

Thank you for sharing the "gift of reading" with a child in need.

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