



November 14
through
December 19
2022

16th Annual Holiday Book Drive

The Literacy Council of Frederick County is partnering with FCB Bank, a division of ACNB Bank and Curious Iguana for our Annual Holiday Book Drive to provide new and gently-used books for **elementary school aged children (PreK through 5th grade)**. FCB Bank will be collecting donated books at their five locations (see addresses below).

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, parent literacy, workplace, or class instruction programs. The Literacy Council works directly with the Judy Center and Butterfly Ridge, Hillcrest, Lincoln, Monocacy, and Waverley Elementary Schools to provide programs at the schools for parents whose children attend these schools, and many of our other students also have young children. Books will also be distributed to children at community outreach events throughout the year.

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. 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.**

To participate, you may purchase and donate unwrapped books between **November 14 and December 19** at Curious Iguana (www.curiousiguana.com) in downtown Frederick (12 N. Market St.). You can also shop online through their Bookshop (www.bookshop.org/wishlists/662a92f1e6f251a98217b691ab5e73f558c07c1d) and consult their collection of recommended children's titles, or search for any title in the Bookshop, and have books delivered to your home or directly to the Literacy Council. Even though you are shopping online, you will still be supporting a local business.

You may also drop off donated books at the following FCB Bank locations:

2 North on the Square	2 North Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701
Aspen Ridge	165A Thomas Johnson Drive, Frederick, MD 21702
Crestwood	6910 Crestwood Boulevard, Frederick, MD 21703
East Frederick	490 Monocacy Boulevard, Frederick, MD 21701
Walkersville	200 Commerce Drive, Walkersville, MD 21793

Or you may simply purchase an unwrapped book and drop it off at any of these locations no later than December 19. Contact info@frederickliteracy.org for more drop off information.

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

Curious Iguana
12 N. Market Street • Frederick, MD
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