

Stuff the Bus



Wish List and Shopping Guidelines



United Way of Central Iowa is working to deliver children's books into the hands of the kids we serve.

These books should:

- Celebrate diversity and inclusion.
- Promote understanding, acceptance, and respect for all.
- Feature characters that represent different races, ethnicities, cultures, and abilities.

Board Books

Perfect picks for our earliest learners

- A is for Awesome: 23 Iconic Women Who Changed the World
- Baby's Big World books
- Baby Rhyme Time Board books (Spanish & English) by Annie Kubler
- Be Bold, Baby board books
- Bilingual Board Books by Roger Priddy
- Bright Baby Touch and Feel books by Roger Priddy
- Brilliant Baby series by Laura Gehl
- Dream Big, Little One
- Future Baby series by Lori Alexander
- Hello, World series
- Learn and Explore series by Roger Priddy
- Lil' Libros books by Patty Rodriguez
- Little Feminist series
- Little Heroes series
- Little Leaders-Bold Women in Black History
- Little Scientist set
- My First Heroes: Black History
- My First Library
- Nerdy Babies series
- Think Big, Little One
- This Little series
- Who Was? series



NONFICTION

Writing that is based on facts, real events, and real people, such as biography or history

- Amazing Scientist Series
- Code Girls
- Elinor McGrath Pet Doctor: The Story of America's First Female Veterinarian by Jacqueline Johnson
- Girls Think of Everything
- Go Forth and Tell: The Life of Augusta Baker by Breanna McDaniel
- Groundbreaking Guys: 40 Men Who Became Great by Doing
- Hidden Figures Young Readers' Edition
- I Am Learning books by James McDonald and Rebecca McDonald
- I Survived series
- Legends and Dreamers Bold and Visionary Women Around the World
- Little Heroes-Courageous People Who Changed the World Series
- Little Kids First BIG Book of Animals
- Little Leaders books
- Little Legends Exceptional Men in Black History
- Little People, BIG Dreams series
- Meet the Universe series by Eve Vavagiakis
- National Geographic Kids Missions
- National Geographic Kids Weird but True series
- Ordinary People Change the World Series
- Teen Trailblazers 30 Fearless Girls Who Changed the World Before They were 20
- This Little collection
- Time for Kids BIG Book of Who
- Totally True Adventures! Series
- Trailblazing Men
- Young Change Maker Series by Stacy Bauer

Picture Books

Books consisting mainly or entirely of pictures and appeal to all learners through their vivid illustrations, photographs, and text

- A Grand Idea by Megan Hoyt
- Are You Big? by Mo Williams
- Bartali's Bicycle by Megan Hoyt
- Completely Me books by Dr. Justine Green
- Creatrilogy books by Peter H. Reynolds
- Drop: An Adventure through the Water Cycle by Emily Kate Moon
- I Am Books by Susan Verde
- Katie's Tiny Messengers by Megan Hoyt
- Listen by Gabi Synder
- Over and Under series by Kate Messner
- Puff: All About Air by Emily Kate Moon
- The Food Group series by Jory John and Pete Oswald
- The Greatest Song of All by Megan Hoyt
- The Questioners: Picture Books by Andrea Beaty
- Today by Gabi Synder

Leveled Reading Books

Labeled by the level of difficulty and address the stages of children learning to read

- Discover More readers
- I Can Read! series
- Lego Adventure in the Real-World series
- National Geographic Kids series
- National Geographic Readers series
- Step into Reading books
- Time for Kids Nonfiction Readers
- World of Reading Books

Beginning Chapter Books

Contain both prose and pictures. They tell the story mainly through the text

- Absolutely Alfie series
- Ada Lace books
- Akimbo series
- A-Z Mysteries
- Ivy + Bean series
- Katie Woo series
- Lola Levine series
- Meet Yasmin series
- Nikki & Deja series
- Sophia Martinez series
- The No 1 Car Spotter series
- Zapato Power series



Graphic Novels

Novels in comic-strip form and are popular with kids who are intimidated by long paragraphs and chapters

GRAPHIC NOVEL SERIES for Early Elementary

- Arlo & Pips
- Baloney and Friends
- Beak & Ally
- Cat Kid Comic Club
- Chef Yasmina
- Dungeon Critters
- Hound Heroes
- Little Robot by Ben Hatke
- Narwhal and Jelly
- Noodlehead Nightmares
- Norma and Belly
- Owly
- Pea, Bee, & Jay
- Pea, Bee & Jay Stuck Together
- Peter & Ernesto
- Tater Tales



GRAPHIC NOVELS for Older Elementary

- Allergic by Megan Wagner Lloyd
- Invisibly by Christina Diaz Gonzalez
- I Survived series
- Hilo series
- History Comics series
- Just Roll with It by Veronica Agarwal
- Maker Comics series
- Measuring Up by Lily LaMotte
- Mr. Wolf's Class series
- Pawcasso series
- The Last Kids on Earth series
- Twins: A Graphic Novel by Varian Johnson
- Unsolved Cases Files (nonfiction series about real FBI cases)