



UNITED WAY  
Central Iowa

# 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 who represent many diverse cultures, races, ethnicities, 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
- Big and Little: A Book of Animal Opposites
- Bright Baby Touch and Feel books by Roger Priddy
- Brilliant Baby series by Laura Gehl
- Color Gallery: Introducing First Colors Through Art
- Dream Big, Little One
- Future Baby series by Lori Alexander
- Hello Hello Shapes
- Hello, World series
- Hey Now, Little Man
- Illusions in Art: Food
- Knock Knock: Who's There?
- Learn and Explore series by Roger Priddy
- Let's Be Brave
- Let's Be Friends
- Lil' Libros books by Patty Rodriguez
- Little Feminist series
- Little Heroes series
- Little Leaders-Bold Women in Black History
- Little Scientist set
- My Body and Me: My First Body Positivity Book
- My First Heroes: Black History
- My First Library
- Nerdy Babies series
- Peekaboo Who?
- Think Big, Little One
- This Little series
- Where is My Nose?
- Who Was? series

## 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
- Crick, Crack, Crow! by Janet Lord
- Drop: An Adventure through the Water Cycle by Emily Kate Moon
- Garland of Lights by Chitra Soundar
- Growing an Artist: The History of a Landscaper and His Son by John Parra
- I Am Books by Susan Verde
- I Want to Read All the Books by Debbie Ridpath Ohi
- Jonty Gentoo - The Adventures of a Penguin by Julia Donaldson
- Katie's Tiny Messengers by Megan Hoyt
- Listen by Gabi Synder
- Martina Has Too Many Tías by Emma Otheguy
- Mr. Fox's Game of "No!" by David LaRochelle
- No More Senora Mimi by Meg Medina
- Over and Under series by Kate Messner
- Puff: All About Air by Emily Kate Moon
- The Coquíes Still Sing: A Story of Home, Hope and Rebuilding by Karina Nicole González
- The Food Group series by Jory John and Pete Oswald
- The Greatest Song of All by Megan Hoyt
- The Night Market by Seina Wedlick
- The Notebook Keeper: A Story of Kindness from the Border by Stephen Briseño
- The Questioners: Picture Books by Andrea Beaty
- Today by Gabi Synder
- Towed by Toad by Jashar Awan

## 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

## 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
- Babymouse
- Baloney and Friends
- Beak & Ally
- Bug Boys
- Cat Kid Comic Club
- Chef Yasmina
- Dungeon Critters
- Giggle and Learn
- Hound Heroes
- Little Robot by Ben Hatke
- Narwhal and Jelly
- Noodlehead Nightmares
- Norma and Belly
- Owly
- Pacey & Packer
- Pea, Bee, & Jay
- Pea, Bee & Jay Stuck Together
- Peter & Ernesto
- Tater Tales

### GRAPHIC NOVELS for Older Elementary

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

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