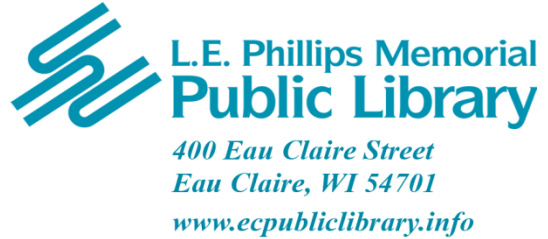


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Give a Kid a Book: Igniting the Imagination of Children

The Friends of the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library's annual Give a Kid a Book program is in full swing, working to ignite the imagination of children in the Chippewa Valley this holiday season. For 31 years, the Friends of the Library have distributed thousands of new children's and young adult books by partnering with local agencies.

Give a Kid a Book is now accepting donations through December 15, 2025. "Our goal is to instill the joy of reading into our local kids by igniting their imaginations," says Nancy Sowls, chair of the Give a Kid a Book program. "Books provide our children a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the world we live in."

The Friends have two wonderful community partners who help make this program possible: Books a Million and RCU.

There are several ways the community can get involved with Give a Kid a Book:

- **Contribute monetarily** - send donations to the Friends of the Library (Attn: GAKAB 400 Eau Claire St, Eau Claire WI 54701) or online: <https://www.ecpubliclibrary.info/friends/programs/give-a-kid-a-book/>
- **Participate in Books-A-Million's (BAM) Holiday Book Drive now–December 7.**
- **Donate NEW, unwrapped children's books.** Donations can be dropped off at the Friends of the Library Bookstore (Level 0 of the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library, now–December 15) or find the Seasonal Bear display in the library (December 2–15).

Suggestions for new books for Give a Kid a Book include board books for babies, easy picture books for ages 2 to 5, and fiction and non-fiction books for ages 6 to 18, as well as books written in Spanish and Hmong.

For more information, please contact Stacy Yearous at 715-831-5301 or stacyy@eauclaire.lib.wi.us. To learn more about other library programs and events, check the library website at www.ecpubliclibrary.info.

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