

Wisconsin Bookworms™

Reading to young children helps them develop a love of reading, along with an enthusiasm for learning. Yet, children from families with limited incomes may not have the opportunity to own many books.

The Wisconsin Bookworms™ program was designed to provide free books to children who may not otherwise own books; giving them the experience of being read to and helping preschool children gain a lifelong love of reading. The families of the young children become involved in reading to their children and doing family literacy activities.

Each month volunteers read award-winning books to the children, engage them in a related activity, give books to the children and provide educational activity sheets for their families.

Wisconsin Bookworms™ Partners

Working in partnership, University of Wisconsin Extension Family Living Programs, Wisconsin Public Television, and the Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education (WAHCE), are bringing the Wisconsin Bookworms™ Program to 42 counties and over 5,000 children annually. This early literacy program and partnership has been operating since 1998.



In 2014, the Wisconsin Bookworms™ Program celebrated a 15-year milestone of serving young children in families around the state with limited resources.

Wisconsin Bookwormsä Volunteer Readers

2016-2017 volunteer readers (members of the Green Lake County Home & Community Education (HCE) organization) include:

*Judy Bender
Janet Busboom
Bitsy Doro
Debra Downen
Beth Durik
Cindy Eidahl
Sonni Engel-Dockus
Charlene Frederick
Betty Kastenschmidt
Lorraine Kronawitter
Carole Kujawa
Janie Newgent
Caroline Retzlaff
Mildred Roeder
Rita Socha*

“The Wisconsin Bookworms™ Program puts books into the hands of children. It shows the importance of literacy and reading to children.”

*-Early Childhood Teacher
Wisconsin Bookworms™ Participant*

In 2009, the Wisconsin Bookworms™ Program received recognition with a UW-Extension Chancellor's Friend & Advocate Award

Interested in supporting the Wisconsin Bookworms™ Program?



Program support from local partnerships and organizations is welcome. The Green Lake County HCE Wisconsin Bookworms™ treasury receives monies through fundraising events each year, generous donations from local supporters of this program, and grants. For more information on how to support the Wisconsin Bookworms™ Program, contact one of the Co-Coordinators: Betty @920.394.2095, Anthonette @ 920.231.6781 or Dawn @ 920.807.0140.

A tax-deductible donation of \$25.00 will purchase a set of eight books for a child. If you are interested in purchasing a set of books or donating any other amount, please use the form on the back.






THANK YOU!

YES! I would love to support the Wisconsin Bookworms™ project by purchasing a set of books for the 2017-2018 school year. I have enclosed my tax-deductible donation of \$25.00 for one set of eight books or \$_____ (other amount).

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE NUMBER: _____

Please return form and payment (checks made payable to Green Lake County HCE) to:
Green Lake County HCE Treasurer, Caroline Retzlaff, N6937 Searle Road, Ripon WI 54971

Wisconsin Bookworms™ FACTS!!!

-  Green Lake Home & Community Education (HCE) members volunteer to read once per month
-  The volunteers include an activity for every book each month
-  Fifteen (15) volunteer readers visit Clay Lamberton Elementary in Berlin, Princeton Elementary, Prairie View Head Start in Markesan, Markesan Elementary, and Green Lake
-  This important literacy program will reach approximately 170 children in Green Lake County during the 2016-2017 school year
-  The total number of books being distributed through May 2017 is approximately 1,360

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GREEN LAKE COUNTY



Providing early literacy
programming for
Wisconsin's children



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