

How can You help?

- *Volunteer to read*
- *Assist with funding*

To become involved in the Wisconsin Bookworm™ Program, please fill out and send this form to:

Wisconsin Bookworm™
UW-Extension Washington County
333 E Washington St., Suite 1200
P O Box 2003
West Bend, WI 53095
(262) 335-4479



I am interested in being a Volunteer Reader for the Wisconsin Bookworm™ Program

I am interested in donating to the Wisconsin Bookworms™ Program



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

“This is a wonderful program that gets kids interested in reading. We love getting new books, and read them over and over.”

-parent of a Wisconsin Bookworms™ participant



<https://wahceinc.org>

For More Information on the Wisconsin Bookworm™ Program, please contact:
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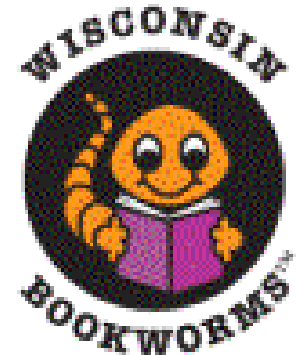
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WISCONSIN BOOKWORMS™ PROGRAM

In Washington County

A joint partnership of

- Washington County Association for Home & Community Education (HCE)
- Extension Human Development and Relationships Program



Wisconsin Bookworms™: Bringing the Joy of Reading to Young Children

WHAT IS

WISCONSIN BOOKWORM™?

Wisconsin Bookworms™ is a continuing outreach effort of the Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education (WAHCE) and Extension Human Development and Relationships (HDR) Programs and, is designed to provide free books to children who may not otherwise own books: the start of a lifelong love of reading.

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 opportunity to own many books. The

Wisconsin Bookworms™ Program is an effort designed to provide free books to children who may not otherwise own books; giving them an opportunity to be 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 with their children.



WHAT WE DO

Wisconsin Bookworms™ provides free books, activities and “reading buddies” to thousands of kids in Wisconsin who wouldn’t otherwise have a book of their own.

Children ages 3-5 enrolled in the “Head Start” program and participating child care centers are visited monthly by Wisconsin Bookworms™ volunteer readers who:

- 📖 Read a “book of the month.”
- 📖 Do an activity with the children pertaining to the story.
- 📖 Give each child a copy of the book to take home.
- 📖 Send home an activity sheet related to the book.

The Washington County Association for Home and Community Education raises funds to give away over 1500 new books to children in participating child care settings. During each of seven months our volunteers read to approximately 215 three, four and five year olds in Hartford, Kewaskum, Jackson, and West Bend.

WHAT WE KNOW

- 📖 We know that all young children need early health, family, education and care experiences to enter school healthy and ready to succeed.
- 📖 We also know how important reading skills are for the future of our work force.
- 📖 We know that the sooner children are exposed to books the better the chance that they will continue to read at a successful rate.
- 📖 A child’s education starts at birth-- family participation with literacy activities at home is encouraged.

The **Washington County Association for Home & Community Education** (HCE) actively supports early literacy with the Wisconsin Bookworms™ program by providing **volunteer reader/mentors** and by **raising funds to support the program**.

We hope you will consider becoming involved in the Wisconsin Bookworm™ Program. **Your support is appreciated!!**