

## Comments from Wisconsin Bookworms Participants

*"The Wisconsin Bookworms Program puts books into the hands of children. It shows the importance of literacy and reading to children."*

*(Teacher)*

*"The Wisconsin Bookworms program is such a rewarding project. The children we read to are eager to hear the story and receive a copy of the book to take home."*

*(Volunteer Reader)*



**We hope that you will consider becoming involved in the Wisconsin Bookworms Program.**

***Your support is appreciated.***

## Wisconsin Bookworms

is sponsored by

### Wisconsin Association for Home & Community Education



Wisconsin Association for Home & Community Education (HCE) is a non-profit, educational, charitable organization offering its members opportunities to grow and learn. HCE also affords members many opportunities for leadership development.

#### **HCE Offers Opportunities for:**

- Learning in a social setting
- Sharing what we learn
- Caring to make a difference in our homes, communities, and the world

#### **WAHCE VALUES:**

- Families and communities
- Opportunities for personal growth through learning, sharing, volunteering
- Meeting great people, forming friendships
- Volunteering to make a difference
- Leadership

*For more information on HCE in your area, contact:*



***Celebrating 25 Years!***

**Early Literacy Program  
helping Wisconsin's  
preschool children  
develop a "Life-Long Love  
of Reading"**

## Wisconsin Bookworms Facts

*Celebrating 25 Years!* This reading program began in 1998. Since then:

- ♦ At the start of the 2023-2024 school year, **103,655** children will have participated in the Wisconsin Bookworms program since its conception.
- ♦ By the end of the 2023-2024 school year, a total of **960,500** FREE books will have been distributed to young children since 1998.

## What is Wisconsin Bookworms?

Reading to children at a young age helps them develop a love of reading, along with an enthusiasm for learning. Yet, many children do not have the opportunity to own books.

The Wisconsin Bookworms reading program is designed to provide FREE books, and an early reading experience to children from limited income families in Wisconsin.

Volunteers read a book to the children on a regular basis, engage them in a related activity, and give a free copy of the book to each child. Educational activity sheets are also provided for each book.

The books that the children receive throughout the school year help them create their own in-home library. Families of the children become involved in reading and doing family literacy activities.

## Wisconsin Bookworms

**With the start of the 2023-2024 school year, Wisconsin Bookworms will celebrate a 25-year milestone of providing free books to 103,655 children in families around the state with limited resources.**

The Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education (WAHCE) provides the Wisconsin Bookworms Program to 33 counties reaching more than 3655 children this school year.

This early learning literacy program receives educational support for activity sheets from the UW Madison-Division of Extension.

Wisconsin Bookworms was the proud recipient of the UW-Extension Chancellor's Award in 2010.



## INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING WISCONSIN BOOKWORMS?

*Funding from local partnerships and organizations is welcome. For information on how to support Wisconsin Bookworms, contact:*

**(Name)**  
**(Address)**  
**(Phone number)**  
**(Email)**

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in learning more about the Wisconsin Bookworms Program.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in donating to the Wisconsin Bookworms Program.

**Checks should be made payable to**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **HCE.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name *(please print)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/ZIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone