

# IT'S YOUR CHILD'S BIRTHDAY



## Help them give to others (instead)

Some children in Calgary don't get many (or any) birthday presents. And too many children don't own their own books.

### STEP 1

You can help your child build their altruistic values and give to others. Plan a birthday party as book drive-themed event where the gifts are for other children... so they might experience the joy of reading!



### STEP 2

Plan the party. Consider a book-related theme for your party too: Alice in Wonderland, How to Train Your Dragon, Madeline, Captain Underpants, or Harry Potter. Plan scavenger hunts for items related to the book that you've hidden, and food and treats to align to your book. Invite your guests to dress-up as a favourite book character. Have a read-aloud too!



Collect and donate new or gently used books suitable for children age 0 to 10. Every year we give away thousands of books through the Calgary Reads Book Bank, our Children's Reading Place, school reading programs and community partnerships such as the Calgary Food Bank.



## STEP 3

Send invitations.  
Here is sample messaging you can use.

### *It's Molly's Birthday...*

and you're invited to her party - and to give to someone else! We're having a 'Books for (other) Children' theme.

This year Molly does not want gifts for herself. Instead, please consider bringing a new or gently used book suitable for a child age 0 to 10.

These will be given to Calgary children who have few (or no) books of their own.

Our party-theme is also book-related: ((name of book/series)). Please let us know if you can come... and please (if you want to) dress-up as one of your favourite book characters (parents too!).

**Time/date/place**

### *RSVP to...*

*Books we donate will get into the hands of children who have few or none of their own through the Calgary Reads Book Bank.  
Learn more at [CalgaryReads.com](http://CalgaryReads.com)*

Have a great party! Have boxes or bags ready to hold the books.

## STEP 4

## STEP 5

Drop off the books to the Calgary Reads Book Bank.  
We look forward to meeting you and saying 'thank you'!

Contact us to arrange your book deposit:  
**[info@calgaryreads.com](mailto:info@calgaryreads.com) 403.777.8254**

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