

## Donate Your Books

Share a book. Change a life.

To become good readers children need access to good books. So, we don't just provide opportunities for children to read; we give them access to books they can call their very own. Many Albertan children have never experienced the joy and pride of owning a book. We're determined to change that.

Every year, we give away thousands of books through the Calgary Reads Book Bank, the Books+ Pipelines, our Children's Reading Place, and community partnerships such as the Calgary Food Bank. We also distribute books every year through schools and Reading Rally events.

## Donation Locations

**Children's Reading Place** at 922 8th Ave SE  
Porch drop-offs of *children and youth titles only* can be made 24/7, 365. To organize a drop of more than 50 books, please contact [info@calgaryreads.com](mailto:info@calgaryreads.com)

**Store & Go** at 1216 10 Ave SW  
Thanks to an exciting partnership with Strategic Group and Store & Go, we now accept donations of *just the ABCs* year-round. You can drop off your new and gently-loved books on Thursdays & Saturdays between 10:00am - 1:00pm and volunteers will be on site to assist!

**STORE & GO**



**STRATEGIC GROUP**

**"You mean I get to keep it for my very own?!"**

*Children's Reading Place Visitor*

**"I love being able to see the joy in a child's eyes when they realize that they are reading."**

*Calgary Reads Volunteer*

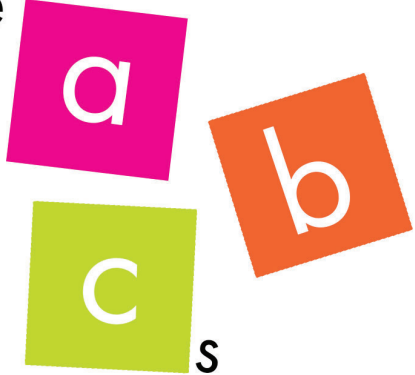
**"Books may well be the only true magic."**

*Alice Hoffman*

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of book donations

a guide to donating books to

**calgary reads**™

The key to your contribution is to make sure that you **SORT SORT SORT** your books before bringing them to a donation location! We simply are not able to sort through books to determine if they meet our quality standards; we are the grateful recipients of so much generosity that all of our time and energy goes into getting books into the hands of readers -- we trust our amazing donors to take the important first step of sorting before sharing!



### ADULT BOOKS

Adult books, both fiction and non-fiction, that are recently published (2018, 2019, 2020), award winners and best sellers. Also include those books that you loved, got lost in, or from which you learned something fascinating!



### BABIES, CHILDREN, AND TEENS

We have the highest demand for new board books, and new and like-new books for children and young adults. Donations of just "b Books" can be dropped off any time at the Children's Reading Place!



### COLLECTIBLES

These are a bit trickier but here are some guidelines:

- any book that is in a cardboard case, especially Folio Society books.
- any books from the 1930s and earlier IF they're in good condition. - an early or first edition of any book, especially a famous one.
- hardcover local history books about a particular region or local topic and that are a bit larger than an average book.
- newspapers and magazines from historic events (eg a LIFE magazine published about the moon landing)
- autographed books. If you're unsure about a book, we'd rather see it than not!



### DON'T DONATE!

We know it's hard to imagine throwing away books, but there are some titles that we just can't accept!

Maybe they are in no condition to be shared or sold (water-damaged, ripped, dog-eared, yellowed, smelly, or marked up)... Maybe the information in them is just too old (we learn so much every day that some books have information that just isn't accurate anymore!)... Maybe they are books that no one is interested in any more and it will cost too much for us to recycle them.

Really take a hard look at every book you're thinking about donating: **would it make you feel so happy to receive this book as a gift?** If not, it doesn't fit our mandate of providing high-quality, like-new books for readers. Please recycle it in your blue bin!



### EVERYTHING ELSE

If the books that you have aren't a,b,c, or d books, please hold on to them just a little bit longer! We will ask for them specifically for our next Big Book Sale!



### FOR ELSEWHERE

Please consider the environmental cost of transporting titles that we cannot accept and consider recycling or donating to one of these other organizations instead:

#### Books Between Friends

- More info: [booksbetweenfriends.com](http://booksbetweenfriends.com)

#### Calgary Public Library

- Donation Guidelines: [addin.ca/support/in-support-of-better-world-books](http://addin.ca/support/in-support-of-better-world-books)

#### CanLearn Society

- Contact for more information: 403-686-9300 ext. 144 or [info@canlearnsociety.ca](mailto:info@canlearnsociety.ca)

#### RESET Society of Calgary

- Please contact RESET prior to delivery of any donated items at: 403-237-8477 or [reception@resetcalgary.ca](mailto:reception@resetcalgary.ca)

## What NOT To Donate



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We cannot accept dictionaries, encyclopedias, textbooks, Readers Digest, Harlequin, Avon or Signet romances, magazines, cassettes, or VHS tapes.

Pack up only your **a**, **b**, and **c** books. Mark each box of donations with the appropriate letter! Please use banker-sized boxes or sturdy bags that you no longer need. Our volunteers will be unable to accept boxes of donations larger than this due to safety concerns. Please do not bring your **d**, **e**, and **f** books!