



Dear Hinsdale Paddle Players:

Hinsdale Paddle is hosting a children's book drive to benefit Bernie's Book Bank. We have set a goal to collect 1,500 books!

Bernie's Book Bank, a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit, is the leading provider of quality books to at-risk children in the Chicagoland area. Since 2009 they have distributed more than 16 million books.

We ask that you consider donating new and gently used children's books (birth-6<sup>th</sup> grade reading level) during our book drive. Please note, Bernie's Book Bank does NOT accept activity books, coloring books, dictionaries, textbooks, religious books or foreign language books (dual language is ok).

Your donated books will be given new homes with children who need them. When books arrive at Bernie's Book Bank in Lake Bluff they are sorted, stickered and packed by volunteers. Then the books are loaded into a fleet of trucks and carefully delivered to 360,000 underserved children through 900+ distribution partners in six Chicagoland counties.

Owning quality books is critical to reading-readiness and becoming a proficient reader. Your valuable support for Bernie's Book Bank enables these children to build a home library of quality books so they can read their way to a better life.

Please help us achieve our goal by donating children's books (birth-6<sup>th</sup> grade). Books can be placed in the collection bins located at the Katherine Legge Memorial Park Paddle Hut starting Tuesday, February 18, 2020 until our drive ends on Sunday, March 8, 2020.

Tax Receipts are available at <https://cloud4good.tfaforms.net/384515>.

Please email any questions to Andy Freeman @ [andyfreeman4@gmail.com](mailto:andyfreeman4@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Andy Freeman

P.S. For more information about Bernie's Book Bank, visit their website: [www.berniesbookbank.org](http://www.berniesbookbank.org)

