

Reading Ambassador Book Donations – FAQs

 What if the First Lady or Gentleman wants to donate books to more than one school? Can the books be split up into several small donations?

Yes. Books can be donated to up to five schools, but please note that books are shipped from our warehouse in boxes of 100 and cannot be divided evenly among two, three, or four schools. We can, however, split the donation 200/300, 100/100/100/200, 100/200/200, etc. If the First Lady or Gentleman would like to split the donation into smaller batches, we can ship the books to the Governor's Residence for further sorting.

Can the books be shipped to the Governor's Residence?

We would ideally send them directly to the school, but will work with you to try to accommodate your request.

What books are being donated this year? For what grade levels are they appropriate?

The books will be an assortment of titles (20 copies of 25 different titles) appropriate for grades 2–5. A list of donated titles is available upon request.

 Can we split the donation by grade level and send the younger grade level books to one school and the higher grade level books to another? Unfortunately, given the high volume of Summer Reading Challenge book donations, we are unable to pre-sort the books by grade level. All boxes contain an assortment of grade level books, but should the First Lady or Gentleman prefer to sort by grade level before distributing, we can have the books shipped to the Governor's Residence.

 The First Lady or Gentleman would like to plan a reading event. What do you recommend she/he do?

Please visit <u>www.scholastic.com/readingambassadors</u> to download information about how to plan a reading event. Should you like help arranging an event, please contact Lia Zneimer at (212) 343-6901, or <u>Izneimer@scholastic.com</u>.

 Do the books have to arrive at the school before it lets out for the summer? Can the books arrive over the summer and be there in time for back-to-school?

The Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge is dedicated to getting kids reading over the summer months when school is not in session. We try to ensure that the books arrive at the schools before students let out for summer vacation so that they can bring books home. If, however, the First Lady or Gentleman would like to distribute the books at multiple events throughout the summer, that's fine. So long as the books are given away with the intention of encouraging summer reading, they don't need to be distributed all at once.

 Do the books have to go to a school, or can they be donated to a summer program, church group, Boys or Girls Club, etc.?

We do ask that the First Lady or Gentleman donate to a school (or multiple schools) when possible. If the schools are closed, we will work with you to make sure they still get into the hands of kids to take home and read over the summer. We appreciate your understanding.

 Where can we learn more about the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge and summer reading in general?

We encourage you to visit <u>www.scholastic.com/summer</u> to learn more about the program and the benefits of summer reading. Resources are also available at <u>www.scholastic.com/readingambassadors</u>.

Who should we contact with any questions or concerns?

Please reach out to Lia Zneimer at (212) 343-6901, or Izneimer @scholastic.com.