



Dear Colleagues,

Each year UVM America Reads and Counts and the Elementary Education Program have a book drive to gather new and gently used children's books. We match the books we are given with books from our America Reads collections and donate a box of books to each of the area elementary schools, which host our UVM students. The schools may use these books in any way they wish, but Edmunds, for instance, has an America Reads book collection on shelves at the school available for our students to pull from for read-alouds and mentoring.

This year we are holding our book drive "in-house" – among all departments of Education and Social Work. We hope that everyone will look around their homes for children's books in good shape that could go to a new home and continue entertaining and teaching little ones and young people. Friends and family members are certainly included in this appeal. If there are recent empty-nesters among us, this is a great opportunity to clean out and reorganize your book shelves!

We will target mid-October to Thanksgiving break for our drive. There will be a yellow covered box in your hallway or administrative assistant's office to put your books in. Workstudy students will empty the box and bring the books to the America Reads library each week.

Many thanks for joining us in this important and fun endeavor.

Susan Patterson,
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