THE BOOK DRIVE GUIDE
THANK YOU for supporting literacy by doing a book drive for Open Books!

We’re proud to provide transformative programs to more than 5,000 students every year. Every book you donate helps us expand our reach and do more across Chicago.
**HOW WE WORK**

We collect used books.

We utilize them in our programs, sell them in our stores and online, and give them away as book grants.

And our incredible volunteers and supporters make everything possible.

Sales of donated books help support our literacy programs for K-12 students across Chicago.
HOW TO RUN YOUR BOOK DRIVE

1. PICK A DATE AND PLACE
   We recommend running your drive for 2-4 weeks, or coordinating it with an event if you have enough lead time.

2. LET US KNOW!
   If possible let us know 1-2 months ahead of time so we can schedule your pick up. We’ll happily provide a labeled 2’x2’x4’ box and posters to use.

3. SPREAD THE WORD
   Reach out to your networks, personal or professional to advertise the drive. If you need additional marketing materials let us know.

4. FINISH YOUR DRIVE
   Arrange for pick up or drop off at one of our locations.
What can I donate?

We accept:

- All recently published Children’s Books in good condition, including teen/YA titles
- Adult Books in almost all genres that are in good, resellable condition
- LPs in playable condition

We do not accept:

- Encyclopedias
- Older Textbooks
- Library Discards
- Books with significant damage
- Magazines
- VHS Tapes or Audio Books on Cassette
OUR LOCATIONS

WEST LOOP: 651 W Lake, Chicago, IL 60661
Available during store hours (M-Th, 10-6pm; Fri-Sun, 10-7pm).
No more than four boxes per donation at this location, please.

PILSEN: 905 W. 19th St., Chicago, IL 60608
Drop slot in front of building available 24 hours a day.
Larger donations accepted during store hours (M-F, 10-6pm,
Sat/Sun, 10-4pm).

River North: 802 W. Superior, Chicago, IL 60642
Drop box at corner of Halsted + Superior

Skokie: Westfield Old Orchard Mall, 4999 Old
Orchard Shopping Center, Skokie, IL 60077
Northeast corner of parking lot A, at the corner of Skokie
Blvd and Golf Rd. Use the entrance off Skokie Blvd near
Maggiano’s.
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