



The Literacy Alliance

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Village Books Collects for Read to Me

Village Books' newest location at Northcrest Center now collects children's books for The Literacy Alliance. The local used book retailer has supported Books for Kids for almost four years, providing a place where people can donate gently used books for preschool age children.

Since January, Village Books has collected 425 beginning readers, story books, picture books, and board books. Books for Kids distributes them to medical clinic and social service waiting rooms where a visiting child can take a book for her home library. Last year, 2,857 books were collected.

A full service used book seller, Village Books began with its St. Joe Village store in 2000 and has grown to two additional stores in Fort Wayne and one in Auburn. In addition to books, all offer VHS movies, DVD's, and audio books. The Auburn and Northcrest stores also include A Novel Coffeehouse, a full service coffeehouse and Wi-Fi hotspot.

Since 1988, the nonprofit Literacy Alliance has been dedicated to ending low literacy in Allen County. Learning centers, literacy programs, and tutoring services empower individuals to succeed at work, at home, and in the community. By providing books and encouragement to parents and caregivers, its Read to Me programs promote reading to preschool age children every day.

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