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| Clipart stacks of books with children free image download | **2021**  cid:09EABAA7-272C-4EDC-B22C-0651779055BA **CHILDREN’S BOOK DRIVE** |

To our fellow VADA members and friends: Growing up, did you have a favorite children’s book? One that your parents read to you every night before you went to bed? One that you read over and over again and never grew tired of? One that helped make you who you are?

In conjunction with our 2021 Annual Meeting at the Marriott Resort Virginia Beach Oceanfront on October 20-22, VADA is sponsoring a Children’s Book Drive! Please join us as we collect new or gently used children’s books, infant through young adult. All books collected benefit the public libraries in Virginia Beach, Portsmouth, Newport News, Hampton, Norfolk, Chesapeake, and Suffolk. This is a great way to give back to our community while also promoting children’s literacy and a love of reading!

Whether you have a collection of books that your kids have outgrown, or prefer instead to purchase ones that are brand new, we welcome all contributions! The only books we are unable to re-home are those that are musty or damaged. We likewise are unable to accept magazines, coloring books, encyclopedias, textbooks, former library books, classroom sets, or books for adults. For those who prefer, financial contributions, too, are most appreciated!

To help you get started, we offer two lists. The first is a list of titles that every library should contain. The second is a list of titles that emphasize diversity and inclusion. These lists are by no means exclusive!

As an added incentive, we are offering special recognition to the INDIVIDUAL who donates the most titles, as well as to the FIRM who donates the most books. We will present these recognitions when the directors of the seven area libraries join us at the Marriott on Friday, October 22.

Please bring your donations with you to our Annual Meeting in October. We will collect your donations at our registration desk. If you will not be making the trip to Virginia Beach, or if you would rather deliver your donations ahead of time, please contact our Executive Director, Sherma Mather, at (804) 649-1002 or [smather@vada.org](mailto:smather@vada.org) to make the necessary arrangements.

On behalf of the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys, we thank you for your generosity and your support of this fun and rewarding project!

 

