

You're invited to join

# SCBWI (LOGO)

## Books for Readers

### WORLDWIDE Book Drive

To help increase book access, promote SCBWI authors/illustrators and to advance the mission of SCBWI! [\[LINK\]](#)

#### WHO and WHAT

Members across the U.S. and around the world are invited to participate in a book-giving and life-changing event.

#### HOW AND WHY

Books from our SCBWI members will be distributed to causes and organizations in need. Our book drive's mission is 3-fold:

- To help increase book access for readers in desperate need of books by collecting and donating books that SCBWI members create...
- To help promote our authors, illustrators, and their books...
- To help highlight the work of SCBWI and its members as both book creators and literacy advocates for children and young adults...

#### WHERE and WHEN

We will be collecting our members' books worldwide for causes selected most worthy by our SCBWI Books for Readers Selection Committee.

#### The timeline is as follows:

##### NOMINATIONS

SCBWI members who would like to nominate a cause or organization must download and complete the [entry form \[link\]](#). The forms should be sent via email to their Regional Advisor by **April 30, 2017**.

The link to your region's email can be found on the SCBWI website under the REGIONAL CHAPTERS tab on the homepage.

### SELECTIONS

Our selection committee, comprised of SCBWI staff and members of the SCBWI Board of Advisors, will select 1-2 recipients to receive our books. The selecting will take place from **May 23-June 23, 2017**. The chosen regions' recipients will be notified by **June 29, 2017**.

### COLLECTIONS

Members can begin sending their published (and signed) books to SCBWI HQ from **July 12-September 4, 2017**.

### CELEBRATIONS

Upon announcement of the 2 regional recipients, two large-scale celebrations will be planned (**July 12-October 31, 2017**) and executed (**a date in November TBD**) by SCBWI HQ in the recipients' regions.

Below are the steps you can take to participate in our **SCBWI Books For Readers Worldwide Book Drive**:

#### (1) NOMINATE LOCAL CAUSES

Nominate 1 or 2 local causes with readers in need (*e.g. hospitals, libraries, literacy organizations, schools, and sites of man-made or natural disasters*) that you believe would be worthy **SCBWI BOOKS FOR READERS** recipients for 2017 by downloading this entry form [<link>](#) and emailing it to your region's email box by **April 30, 2017**.

The regions will review the nominations and submit their final nomination(s) to SCBWI headquarters by **May 22, 2017**.

**(2) START COLLECTING:**

You are invited to send copies of their published titles from July 12-September 4, 2017 to:

SCBWI  
4727 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 301  
Los Angeles, CA 90010

Attn: SCBWI Books for Readers

In addition, you are encouraged to reach out to your publishers regarding available ARCS, overstocks, and soon to be out-of-print titles that could also be donated instead of being pulped or remaindered.

SCBWI HQ will accept, collect, curate, store, and distribute the books prior to the regional recipients at celebration events to be held in November. Depending upon the size and need of our recipients, SCBWI HQ will curate the number and type of books to be distributed, and donate any surplus books to other nominated causes at its discretion.

And, while donating our books to readers in need is in itself its own reward, authors who donate their titles will receive recognition in an SCBWI BOOKS FOR READERS WORLDWIDE BOOK DRIVE program, will be invited to partake in the celebrations (see below), and will become part of a literacy initiative that will build dreams, change lives—and allow us to promote ourselves, our books, and SCBWI.

**(3) BEGIN CELEBRATING:**

Upon announcement of the 2 final recipients, two large-scale celebrations will be planned (**July 12-October 31, 2017**) and executed (**A date in November TBD**) by SCBWI HQ.. Any and all SCBWI members (including YOU!) are invited to attend the celebrations and lend a hand or two if so desired!

**For more information:** Watch this space, check out our FAQ <LINK> and/or email us at [bookdrive@scbwi.org](mailto:bookdrive@scbwi.org).

## **SCBWI BOOKS FOR READERS DRIVE**

Give Books. Build Dreams.