



## Become a Book Buddy

Research shows that exposing very young children to print, books and reading aloud provides them with important concepts and establishes a foundation for reading. The CRT Head Start Program places great emphasis on preparing children for reading and ensuring their school readiness. In addition, our Head Start program plays a key role in family literacy by increasing Head Start families' access to materials, activities and services which are essential to family literacy development and assisting parents as adult learners to recognize and address their own literacy skills.

In recognition of the need for early literacy, we have developed The CRT **Book Buddy Program**. The program invites community leaders, friends and representatives to agree to donate four new books per year to children enrolled in our early care and education program. Each donor will be matched with a child or a classroom of children. Two of the books will be given to the child to take home throughout the course of the year and the remaining two books will remain in the classroom to build the classroom library.

Book plates will be placed inside of the front cover of each book, naming the donor and the recipient of the book. We will provide each donor with a list of age appropriate books to choose from. We would love to have you volunteer to deliver and read your selection to the children, but we know that many of you simply do not have the time. Accordingly, we will arrange with local book stores to be designated as a drop off for the selected books, so you can simply visit the book store, purchase the book and leave it there for our staff to pick up.

We need 1500 "Book Buddies" and are hoping to have them in place by the fall of 2006, but we will not begin to distribute books to children in a given classroom until every one of those children has a Book Buddy.

Please consider becoming a **Book Buddy**. You can sign up now by completing this form and returning it to:

Community Renewal Team, Inc.  
Book Buddy Program  
555 Windsor St.  
Hartford, CT 06120

Or: e-mail: [nancys@crtct.org](mailto:nancys@crtct.org)

Please take an extra form with you to share with friends, family, service clubs, school groups and others. You can make a difference in the life of a child. For further information, please contact (860) 560-5471.

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I would like to become a "Book Buddy" and make a difference in the life of a child.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# Reading is Fundamental Reading List

## For Preschool to Kindergarten Age Children

- Allard, Harry. **Miss Nelson Is Missing!**
- Ames, Lee J. **Draw Draw Draw.**
- Anonymous. Fairy tales, folk tales, and nursery rhymes including: "**Cinderella,**" "**The Gingerbread Man,**" "**Little Red Riding Hood,**" "**The Three Little Pigs,**" "**The Three Billy Goats Gruff,**" "**Goldilocks and the Three Bears,**" and **Mother Goose** rhymes.
- Bemelmans, Ludwig. **Madeleine.**
- Berenstain, Stan and Jan. **The Berenstain Bears.**
- Bridwell, Norman. **Clifford, the Big Red Dog.**
- Brown, Margaret W. **Goodnight, Moon.**
- Carle, Eric. **The Very Hungry Caterpillar.**
- Mayer, Mercer. **There's a Nightmare in My Closet.**
- McCloskey, Robert. **Make Way for Ducklings.**
- Piper, Watty. **The Little Engine That Could.**
- Rey, H.A. **Curious George.**
- Sendak, Maurice. **Where the Wild Things Are.**
- Seuss, Dr. **The Cat in the Hat.**
- Solbodkina, Esphyr. **Caps for Sale.**
- Waber, Bernard. **Ira Sleeps Over.**
  
- Zion, Gene. **Harry the Dirty Dog.**
- Freeman, Don. **Corduroy.**
- Hughes, Shirley. **Alfie Gives a Hand.**
- Martin, Bill Jr. **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?**
- Potter, Beatrix. **The Tale of Peter Rabbit.**