

Touch A Life

With Your Book



INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DRIVE

Register

Registrations start from 11th January Onwards

Register at the TALScouts Webpage <https://www.talscouts.org/social-innovation/>

Only one registration per school/institution. Individual donations will have to be registered as well but by the individual, one per complete donation. This registration allows getting your details to provide you with proper credits, as well as allows for collection of proof, thus carrying out a genuine and efficient execution of the book drive.

Identity

- Identify a Teacher Mentor and Student Leader to coordinate with TALScouts
- Identify primary resources that you can contribute: Notebooks and stationery can be used without a lingual or regional barrier *Grades catered to are Kindergarten to 12th Grade (3-17 years)
- Promote the book drive to every student in your school, every employee in your workplace and every member in your community- Each book is a gift that can be opened infinitely, so every contribution counts

Collect

Collect books and resources as per the following guidelines

Resources that are accepted

- Notebooks, Story books, Children's tales (preferably local languages)
- Picture books, colouring books (old or new- but in usable condition)
- Stationery supplies including writing utensils, colouring tools, geometric tools, calculators etc.,
- Textbooks or knowledge books (especially in vernacular languages)

Resources that are NOT accepted

- Soiled and damaged books
- Books for ages beyond the specified age group (NO 18+ BOOKS)
- Propaganda material
- Magazines or academic journals
- Obsolete or clearly outdated editions of books

Sorting

The following is a sorting criterion that will prove useful in the distribution of collected resources, if the books are labelled as per this (book title- age group)

Grades	Books
Preschool and Kindergarten to Grade 2	Picture Books, Starting level of alphabets, Board books (covering basic concepts like shapes, colors etc)
Grade 3 TO 6	Graphic Novels, Comics, Notebooks and basic nonfiction works, Coloring books, basic stationery etc
Grade 7 TO 10	Nonfiction works, notebooks, story books, stationery and geometric boxes etc
Grade 11-12	Novels, nonfiction, notebooks, stationery and calculators etc

Sorting category

Securing and storing

- When storing the books, especially for distribution through transport, ensure that the boxes, baskets or cartons they are stored in aren't damaged prior to the storing.
*When packing, pack by size, placing the larger books at bottom for organized packing
- If holding the cartons in a public place for collection, ensure they are waterproof or are placed in dry and secure locations
- Provide cushioning through old newspapers if possible to ensure that the resources aren't damaged. Pack any sharp items carefully
- Tape the form of storage carefully and label it with the name of the institution and a list of resources inside
- Items you will need for packing
 - Boxes or Cartons (pack tightly inside to avoid damages in transit)
 - Old newspapers or plastic packing or material to cushion (Styrofoam, packing peanuts etc)
 - Markers and label stickers
 - Packing tape (especially to the seams and the bottom- use multiple layers)

Deposit

Once packed and secured, either send the boxes/resources to the drop sites i.e schools directly (do make note of institution name and address), or they will be collected from your provided address by volunteers.

Donate

You can also support through donating funds for the book drive, hundred percent of which will be for the drive. TALScouts will use the funds to purchase and donate books, stationery and backpacks for children who do not have access to such basic resources. Visit <https://www.talscouts.org/social-innovation/> for the donate option and support.

Participate in Virtual Book Reading Marathon

Participate in the Virtual Book Reading Marathon, on the occasion of International Day of Education at 24th of January. Donate an e-book, audiobook or audio files of you personally narrating or story-telling, to use the digital platform and reach out to a wider audience. Read one story out, let millions listen.

Celebrate

Kick back and relax, knowing you have taken a step towards positive impact and enabling students their opportunity to gain quality education. Your hard work will bloom into the future being more secure. TALScouts greatly appreciates any effort taken and will credit you accordingly with a certificate.

Take pictures, not only to serve as proof of donation, but also as a reminder of the social good you have become a part of.

**Participate in this global drive to enable
children to have equitable quality education**

Gift a book, Touch a life

10th JAN to 10th FEB

