

# Barkley's Bookshelf: Supporting Children's Literacy

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**B**arkley's Bookshelf partners with individuals and community service organizations to collect books for distribution through schools and nonprofits for children in kindergarten-5th grade, to inspire a passion for reading through book ownership.

Barkley's Bookshelf, a 501©3 organization, was founded in March 2022 by five National Charity League, Inc. Sustainers with the goal of creating personal libraries for children in K-5th grade to support children's literacy. The mission statement of Barkley's Bookshelf is: Enriching children's love of reading by providing books they can call their own.



The official launch of Barkley's Bookshelf was June 15th. In early August the first Book Fair was held at the 'Back to School Bash' hosted by Cy-Fair Helping Hands, where 576 books were distributed to children in need. Distributed books were donated by local businesses and individual donors. The fall schedule includes Book Fairs at Cy-Hope's Hope Centers and Boys & Girls Country.

"Literacy is the key to the future success of every child," said Brenda Polivka, founder and president of Barkley's Bookshelf. "If Barkley's Bookshelf can provide books and be a small part of a child's education journey, that's important. It makes a difference." How you can help? There are many opportunities for you or your organization to get involved with Barkley's Bookshelf.

- Host a Book Drive! Details are on the website at [www.barkleysbookshelf.org](http://www.barkleysbookshelf.org) under the 'How to Donate Books' tab.
- Sort Books! Once book donations are received, they must be sorted to ensure quality standards.
- Volunteer at Book Fairs that will be held in September and October. Email us at [info@BarkleysBookshelf.org](mailto:info@BarkleysBookshelf.org) for details.

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