

DID YOU KNOW?

- ☆ 1 child in 4 in the U.S. does not learn to read.
- ☆ 2/3 of the 15.5 million children living in poverty in the U.S. do not have *even one book* to call their own.

*"If we are to care for our children,
we must address the needs
of their mothers and fathers."*

— PAUL HAWKEN, BLESSED UNREST

The **Book Fairy Pantry Project** is a grassroots family literacy movement. This project will be implemented by the people, for the people. Volunteer book fairy helpers will collect new and gently used, quality children's books from donation boxes and book drives and deliver them to participating food pantries and WIC offices to be given out to parents.

THE BOOK FAIRY PANTRY PROJECT'S MISSION:

To put children's books in the hands of *all* parents so there will be...**No Child With No Books.**

Food pantries can feed ☆
☆ *children's bodies and minds.*

PLEASE BECOME A BOOK FAIRY HELPER VOLUNTEER.

The book fairy and this project need your help if **ALL** parents are to have books to read to their children, so **ALL** children can learn to read.

*"No matter what attempts
to inform, it is our ability to inspire
that will turn the tides."*

—JAN PHILLIPS, SYRACUSE CULTURAL WORKERS

*"Every child deserves a chance to reach
his or her full potential."*

—ROGER THUROW

*"Unable to read and write, children are stunted
from achieving their full potential."*

—LAURA BUSH & IRINA BOKOVA

*"One child in four in the U.S. growing up not
knowing how to read is one child too many."*

—PAM LEO, FAMILY LITERACY ACTIVIST

*"The home is the child's first school,
the parent is the child's first teacher, and
reading is the child's first subject."*

—BARBARA BUSH

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents."

—EMILIE BUCKWALD

"There is no substitute for books in the life of a child."

—MARY ELLEN CHASE

"There is no such thing as other people's children."

—HILLARY CLINTON

*"Virtually none of the major issues we face
as a nation today can be successfully overcome
until we eradicate illiteracy."*

—MICHELLE & DAVID BALDACCI, WISH YOU WELL FOUNDATION

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A BOOK FAIRY TALE

The Book Fairy's plea for help with literacy

BY PAM LEO

Wee fairies each have jobs to do.
The Book Fairy's job is to get books to you.
And to **ALL** the world's children,
Not to just a few.

Books are very heavy,
Even ones that are quite small.
A wee fairy cannot carry them
'Cause she is only five inches tall!

The Book Fairy needs "helpers,"
grownups short and tall,
to get books to children who love them,
And to children who have none at all.

The Book Fairy really needs you.
The children need you too.
If there are to be books for **EVERY** child,
We have a big job to do.

Don't disappoint the fairies,
That would never do.
If **ALL** the children are to learn to read,
It is up to me and you.

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PLEASE READ TO ME

A child's plea for love and literacy

BY PAM LEO

Read to me, please read to me
Right from the very start.
Just as good food grows my body,
Good stories grow my brain and heart.

Read stories to me in my bed,
And in the rocking chair,
In the garden, in the bathroom,
Please read to me everywhere.

Please read me a wake up story,
A breakfast story, a story with my snack,
Another story with my lunch,
And two before my nap.

Please give me picture books to look at
When we're driving in the car,
And audiobooks to listen to
As we travel near and far.



Please take me to the library.
They have books to read for free.
We can take home lots of them,
Some for you and some for me.

Read me stories in the kitchen,
And stories in the bath.
Please read me this same one again,
It always makes us laugh.

A story is a special treat,
Always a delight.
Reading keeps us connected,
Morning, noon, and night.

Every time you read to me
Our bond grows a little stronger.
Your reading feels like love to me,
And I always want it longer.

Read to me? Please?



FAMILY READING ACTIVITIES

- Read a story to a baby
- Read a story in bed
- Read a story in a rocking chair
- Read a story in a garden/park
- Read a story in the bathroom
- Put a basket of children's books in the bathroom
- Read a story at wake up time
- Read a story at breakfast time
- Read a story at snack time
- Read two stories at nap time
- Go to the library
- Buy an inexpensive, gently used book at thrift store
- Put a bag of picture books in the car
- Listen to an audiobook in the car or home
- Read a story in the kitchen
- Read a story in the bathtub
- Read the same book twice (*or more*)
- Read at least one story everyday for a week

When you have checked off every activity on this list your children will be on well on their way to becoming ready to read.
Congratulations!

★ Books change children's lives...for good!

To find book and online resources please visit
www.BookFairyPantryProject.com.

FIND A BOOK FAIRY PANTRY PROJECT AT:



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*"Illiteracy is a disease of poverty.
The way out of poverty is literacy.
The currency of literacy is children's books."*

—PAM LEO

*"Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much."*

—HELEN KELLER

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