

## Thank you for donating books to Brooklyn Book Bodega and supporting our mission to increase the number of 100+ book homes for kids in NYC.

**BEFORE** you drop off your donation, please review this checklist:

□ **REMOVE** all books that would be unlikely to be selected by a child in 2024. We will not accept the types of books listed below. Please recycle them or take them to Free Libraries in your neighborhood.

Free Libraries in your neighborhood:	Books that are ready for recycling:
<ul> <li>→ Religious and/or holiday books</li> <li>→ College textbooks or encyclopedias</li> <li>→ Books for adult readers</li> <li>→ Books about Colonial or Pioneer America</li> <li>→ Books without enticing or interesting covers</li> <li>→ Library books and/or books with school or organization stamps and stickers</li> <li>→ Books with lengthy dedications</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>X Books with water damage</li> <li>X Books with excessive wear on the spines or covers</li> <li>X Books with scribbles, rips, or stickers on or inside</li> <li>X Books with dirt and/or mold on or inside</li> <li>X Completed or partially completed activity books</li> <li>X Books with broken/missing pages</li> <li>X Books that are racist and historically inaccurate</li> </ul>

- SEPARATE books by series, age, and/or topic. The more sorting you do in advance, the more helpful it is for us.
- COUNT the total number of your books and pack them in banker boxes or Fresh Direct bags that you can lift, transport to the drop location. Please *no* broken boxes, paper bags, plastic bags, or such. Don't forget to label your boxes/bags based on your book sorting and organization.
- SCHEDULE your dropoff with us at the Book Hub located at the Brooklyn Navy Yard by emailing <u>cecilia@brooklynbookbodega.org</u>.
- □ **BRING** your book donations to us with a **minimum of 2 volunteers** (1 to stay in the car and 1 to transport books). Volunteers should be able to lift and move boxes/bags of books. Please no children under 10.