

# Books for Kids



## Celebrating Learning

### Give a child the gift of reading

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) is pleased to collaborate with a group of corporate and community partners to give children the gift of reading. Books for Kids is an initiative that puts books in the hands of children who may have limited access to reading materials in their home. Close to 8000 children in 53 schools benefited from the program last year. The philosophy behind the program is that literacy begins in the home and in the community. This program provides opportunities for the CBE to work with community partners to receive donated items and raise funds for the purchase of new quality books that have been selected and approved through literacy experts.

Books for Kids involves several events with outside partners and volunteers. Over 200 corporate and community volunteers were involved with events last year including the launch, the collection of stuffed animals at the Calgary Hitmen Teddy Bear Toss and interacting with students at school-based literacy events.

Teachers and Administrators from each of the Books for Kid's schools work to ensure that the books reach students who would benefit the most from this gift of reading and celebrate it through an organized literacy event at their school. Schools are thrilled to receive these books.

"I wanted to thank you very much for providing us with these books again this year.

For some of our children these are the only books in their homes, and our parents and students were THRILLED to receive these last year. I know they will be equally delighted this year.

I really appreciate all of the work you do to make opportunities like this (and so many more) available to our kids! Thank you!"

- CBE principal

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