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10th Annual Community Book Drive

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Top 10 Reasons to Collect

1. Collecting books is FUN and EASY!
2. Only 42% of children in Washington County entered school "fully ready to learn" according to the most recent Kindergarten Readiness Assessment.
3. Owning books is a critical feature of everyone's intellectual development.
4. Your participation will provide books to vulnerable children and adults in your community.
5. Research shows that reading aloud to kids is THE single most important act you can do to help prepare a child for learning.
6. The number of words that a child knows upon entering kindergarten is a key predictor of future success.
7. Risk of not graduating high school increases if a child is not reading on level by 3rd grade.
8. Lack of basic literacy contributes to academic failure, substance abuse, teen pregnancy, unemployment, low productivity, and welfare dependence.
9. Your books stay local to Washington County residents.
10. Over the past ten years, more than 120,000 books have been distributed across 65 schools and organizations; however, resources are dwindling.

For more information, visit the
Community Book Drive webpage at:
<https://harccoalition.org/programs/community-book-drive/>

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