Support the Success of Oceanside's Youngest Children (Ages Birth to 5): Join Our Community-wide Book Drive!



Oceanside Promise



Help spread the joy of reading to Oceanside's children, and, together, we'll boost early literacy in our community. Donate new or gently used books for children ages birth to five today!

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Why is the Oceanside Promise coordinating a community-wide book drive?

- Less than 40% of Oceanside's children enter Kindergarten ready to succeed
- Only 32% of Oceanside Unified School District's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students meet state standards in English Language Arts
- Early exposure to books will increase literacy rates and improve children's long-term success in school and life

## What do Oceanside's children need to increase literacy?

- New and gently used books in English and Spanish
- High need for books for children, ages birth to five

## How can you help?

- Place a book collection box in a visible location from October 23 to November 9
- Share with your employees how they can help support Oceanside's children by bringing in books or making a donation at OceansidePromise.org/Give
- Contact us at <u>OceansidePromise@gmail.com</u> when the box is full, and we'll pick it up and distribute the books!

Give the gift of reading to Oceanside's youngest children! Learn More at OceansidePromise.org

Your donations benefit Oceanside Unified School District, the City of Oceanside Public Library and Community Resource Centers, Education Begins in the Home and more!