



MAKE A WISH TREE!



Around the holidays many bookstores and libraries hold book drives in the spirit of giving and community. Many children are making wishes around this time of year, whether they're writing a letter to Santa, hoping for the perfect Hanukkah gift, or simply gazing up at a shooting star. This kit will help you make some wishes come true.

STEP ONE: Contact a local donation site (food bank, homeless shelter, public library, school, etc.). Such organizations have access to children in need. Ask them for a list of children who would benefit from receiving a book. The list should include the age and gender* of the child (please don't list the name of the child; all donations should be anonymous). Don't know where the shelters are in your community? Visit: <http://www.homelessheltersusa.org/>.

STEP TWO: Fill out the wish slips below with the age and gender* of the child. Print out as many as you like—there can never be too many wishes!

STEP THREE: Find or make a tree! Whether it is your classic fir tree, or an armload of branches tied together, any tree will work. Feel free to get creative—perhaps you could make your tree out of books or papier-mâché!

STEP FOUR: Hang the completed wishes on the tree. Nearby, put up your wish tree poster (included in this kit).

STEP FIVE: Let the community help! If your wish tree is in a bookstore, encourage customers to choose a book to purchase for the wisher. Make sure they pay attention to the age of the reader! If you're in a library or classroom, ask for donations from home to fulfill wishes. Make sure the books are wrapped, and attach the wish slip to the package. This will make it easier to distribute the gifts.

STEP SIX: You'll be surprised how many people want to make wishes come true! When all the wishes have been fulfilled, bring them to the donation site and ask staff to help distribute the gifts to the children according to age.

STEP SEVEN: Celebrate! You've just made some wishes come true! Take a picture of your wish tree and post it on your social media channels with the hashtag **#WishTreeBook**, and you'll be entered for a chance to win 50 children's books to donate to an organization of your choice! For more information, visit www.chroniclebooks.com/wishtree.

*It is up to the organization if they would like to disclose gender.



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Help those in need this holiday season!

Select a wish from our wish tree and buy or bring in a new book to be donated. Please pay attention to age and make sure to attach the wish to the outside of your wrapped book.

We truly appreciate you for supporting books and fostering a new generation of readers in our community!

Books will be donated to:

