



The
Children's
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of the Mid-Columbia

Press Release

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MSA Leads Book Drive to Support Teachers, Parents & Caregivers

TRI-CITIES, Wash. — Mission Support Alliance (MSA) has joined forces with the Children's Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia for the first MSA Hanford Book Drive in an effort to improve literacy.

The Children's Reading Foundation will collect the books on **Tuesday, May 8**, after MSA volunteer employees sort donated books into age-appropriate boxes and attach 'donated by' stickers on the inside covers. The book sorting will take place at the MSA headquarters building on the first floor in the atrium located at **Stevens Center, 2490 Garlick** from 10:30 to 11:30 with a **funding check presentation at 11:00. Media are encouraged to arrive at 10:45 a.m.**

MSA and its partner companies have been collecting gently used and new children's books on the Hanford Site since April 23 and will continue collecting books through Friday, May 4.

MSA is donating the books to the Children's Reading Foundation who will in turn distribute 50 books to first time teachers for use in their classrooms and replenish community 'reading baskets' in doctors' offices and other community locations where children accompany parents on outings. The Foundation also will provide books to local elementary schools for use in book swap meets and provide local in-home day care facilities with books for use by children enrolled in their care.

In addition to providing books to the Children's Reading Foundation, MSA's President Frank Armijo and Chief Operations Officer Dave Ruscitto will present MSA's sponsorship check for the nonprofit agency's Books for Babies Program that ensures each baby born in the community is welcomed with a new book. MSA generously provides \$10,000 annually to support the Books for Babies literacy program.

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About the Children's Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia

The mission of The Children's Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia is to ensure that every child is read with at least 20 minutes a day from birth while providing resources, information, and training so that children grow in a literacy rich environment. The Children's Reading Foundation administers the READY! For Kindergarten, Team Read, and Our Babies Can't Wait Parent Workshops in Benton and Franklin Counties. **Read With A Child. The Most Important 20 Minutes Of Your Day.**

About MSA

The Mission Support Alliance, a team comprised of [Lockheed Martin](#), [Jacobs Engineering](#) and [WSI](#), has responsibility for the Mission Support Contract at the Hanford Site. MSA provides a number of cross-cutting services to DOE and other site contractors at Hanford to facilitate cleanup activities. MSA is responsible for areas such as site infrastructure, utilities, transportation, environmental integration, safety, emergency services and training, strategy and external affairs, information management and portfolio management. MSA: Partnering to move the mission forward. <http://msa.hanford.gov/msa>