



Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

## Balanced Literacy Million Book Challenge

The Savannah Chatham County Public School System has launched a K-5 Balanced Literacy Initiative. Balanced Literacy builds strong readers through engagement with high interest, relevant reading. In order to support our students in this initiative, we are having a Million Book Challenge. The goal is to provide EVERY K-5 classroom with its own library!

EVERYONE can participate in this activity, school district, businesses and community. Together, we can close the literacy gap that starts in elementary school. Research clearly shows that students who aren't reading on grade level by 3rd grade are more likely to drop out of school.

We are asking everyone to contribute books that are age appropriate and in good condition. Each school is challenged to raise at least 12000 books!

### Check out these booklists for ideas:

- Association for Library Service for Children
  - Notable Children's Books – 2017 (<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>)
  - Caldecott Award Winners (<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/caldecottwinners/caldecottmedal>)
- American Library Association – Coretta Scott King Award Winners (<http://www.ala.org/emiert/coretta-scott-king-book-awards-all-recipients-1970-present>)
- Great Schools: Book Lists for Kids (<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/books-for-kids-grades-k-5/>)
- Teachers First: Reading Suggestions (<http://www.teachersfirst.com/read-sel.cfm>)

### Here's where you can find books:

Your home bookshelf!

Barnes and Noble (10% off members)

Amazon (free shipping Prime members)

Target (5% discount for Red Card holders)

Walmart (everyday low prices - guaranteed)

Scholastic Books (watch for discounts in monthly Book Club flyers)



Are you up to the challenge? Help us make this goal a reality!