**Sources of Discounted/Free Books**

**Local/State of Idaho:**

* Book It Forward – <https://idahovoices.org/get-involved/book-it-forward/> - a joint initiative of Idaho Voices for Children and The Cabin Literary Center– is dedicated to increasing access to books. They collect new and gently-used books and get them to kids.
* Idaho United Way Chapters throughout Idaho often run community book drives and then clean, sort, and distribute these books to schools, libraries, daycare centers, senior centers and more. Check with your [local chapter of United Way](https://www.unitedway.org/local/united-states/idaho) or check links below:
  + [UW of Treasure Valley Book Drive](https://www.unitedwaytv.org/childrens-book-drive-2018%20-)
  + [UW of Idaho Falls Book Drive](http://www.unitedwayif.org/2018-childrens-book-drive)
  + [UW of Twin Falls Book Drive](https://www.unitedwayscid.org/community-book-drive)
  + [UW of North Idaho Book Drive](http://www.unitedwayofnorthidaho.org/bookdrive)

**National:**

* [First Book](https://firstbook.org/) – a non-profit that provides new books and educational resources to schools/programs serving children (0-18) in need (see “Become a Member” tab at top, right). Check out FB Marketplace and FB National Book Bank for low-cost and free books options. Check out these [FB eligibility FAQ’s](http://www.fbmarketplace.org/eligibility-faqs/).
* [Scholastic Literacy Partnerships](http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/literacypartnerships/) - Serves to enhance the mission of all those working with children. Free Bonus Books for every $150 spent; Discounts up to 72% off.
* [Books4School](https://www.books4school.com/about-us.html) - Interstate Books4School is a supplier of Valu-Books and Tradebooks for infant through 12th grade.  They are dedicated to budget-stretching prices and sell to public and private organizations, libraries, individuals, schools, gov. agencies, etc.
* [The Molina Foundation](http://molinafoundation.org/about-us/) is a national nonprofit organization focused on reducing disparities in access to education and health. Check out their [“Book Buddies”](http://molinafoundation.org/programs/book-buddies/) program.
* [All About Books](http://www.allaboutbooks.org/About-Us-Description) – Specializes in distributing children’s books to US literacy programs.
* [Book Depot](https://www.bookdepot.com/) – A wholesale bargain book business – 70% to 95% off publisher’s list price.
* [Literacy Empowerment Foundation](https://www.lefbooks.org/reading_resource_project/) - The Reading Resource Project is an ongoing LEF program that distributes free books (prek-2nd) in sets of 100 books to literacy programs. Recipients pay shipping, handling, and administrative costs ($88 per set of 100 books).
* [Reading is Fundamental](https://www.rif.org/how-we-help) - Books for Ownership, RIF’s flagship reading program, enables children to select new, age-appropriate books to take home and own and is supported by resources for parents, educators, and local literacy advocates. Cost is $3/book.
* [International Book Project](https://www.intlbookproject.org/home/our-work/get-books-2/) - Mission is to promote education and literacy while broadening Americans’ understanding of their neighbors, which they achieve by annually sending more than 300,000 books to schools, libraries, churches, and Peace Corps volunteers throughout the developing world and in the United States.

A few more ideas can be found at: <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/search-free-books>

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