

DIY : COLLECT, CLEAN, & DONATE USED BOOKS

WHAT IS THE PROJECT?

Collect used books to donate to a local library, your local school district, the Ronald McDonald House, etc. Clean and sanitize the books so that everyone can be sure that they are safe to give and receive.

HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN DO THIS PROJECT? - 5-15

LOCATION OF THE PROJECT

Anywhere that gives people room to clean and stack books. Indoors is preferable.

BEST TIME/SEASON TO DO THE PROJECT

Any time!

THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

This will serve local libraries and their patrons by increasing their collection and assuring them that they are clean and safe. If donating to another organization, this will help them serve their people in another way, providing informative and entertaining material.

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Disposable Gloves
- Face mask
- Cloths (microfiber is best, but any kind works) or dry, soft, 2" paint brush
- Cotton balls
- Goo Gone or baby oil
- Erasers
- Isopropyl alcohol (at least 60%)
- Laundry baskets or large plastic bins

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Decide to whom you will donate your books. Here's a link to some options: <https://www.moneycrashers.com/where-donate-used-books/> Reach out to them to see if they are accepting donations, if they have a particular need, their donation procedure, their location, etc. Let them know that you will be cleaning and sanitizing these books as well.

2. Collect the books. Everyone should bring some so you have plenty to donate. Bring dictionaries, textbooks, children's books, biographies, Bibles, commentaries, etc. Your options are endless.
3. Before you start cleaning, you may want to wear gloves and a mask to prevent the spread of germs!
4. Dust off the books with a cloth, or a dry paint brush.
5. Remove any stubborn residue on the book's exterior with baby oil or Goo Gone and a cotton ball.
6. Erase any pencil markings throughout the pages.
7. To disinfect, wipe down the book exteriors with a small amount of alcohol on a cotton ball. This can be done by an open window if the smell is too strong.
8. Let the books dry for a few minutes and give them one final wipe down with a dry cloth.
9. Place the books in a laundry basket or a large plastic bin for transfer and deliver the books! **Please do not deliver to the church.**

