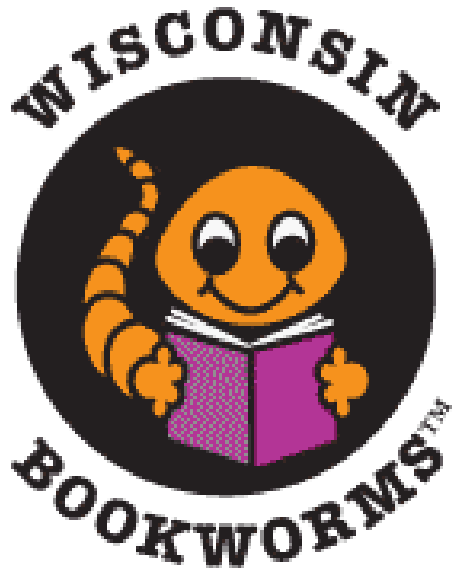




# Wisconsin Bookworms™



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**Providing early  
literacy programming  
for Wisconsin's  
Children**

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- Will have reached 84,445 Wisconsin pre-school age children from 1998-2016.
- The total number of books being distributed through May 2016 will be 750,000.

### Wisconsin Bookworms™

Reading to young children helps them develop a love of reading, along with an enthusiasm for learning. Yet, children from families with limited incomes may not have the opportunity to own many books.

The Wisconsin Bookworms™ program is designed to provide free books to children who may not otherwise own books; giving them the experience of being read to and helping preschool children gain a lifelong love of reading. The families of the young children become involved in reading to their children and doing family literacy activities.

### Wisconsin Bookworms™

#### Partners

Working in partnership, University of Wisconsin Extension Family Living Programs, Wisconsin Public Television, and the Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education (WAHCE), are bringing the Wisconsin Bookworms™ Program to 42 counties and over 5,000 children annually. This early literacy program and partnership has been operating since 1998.

In 2014, the Wisconsin Bookworms™ program celebrated a 15-year milestone of serving young children in families around the state with limited resources.



### Comment from a Wisconsin Bookworms™ participant

*“The Wisconsin Bookworms™ Program puts books into the hands of children. It shows the importance of literacy and reading to children.” (Teacher)*

### ***Interested in supporting the Wisconsin Bookworms™ Program?***

*Program support from local partnerships and organizations is welcome. For information on how to support the Wisconsin Bookworms™ Program, contact your local UW-Extension office for the WAHCE Wisconsin Bookworms™ Coordinator in your locale. For UW-Extension county office listings go to:*

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/>