



## Wisconsin Bookworms



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

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- Will have reached 89,445 Wisconsin pre-school age children from 1998-2017.
- The total number of books being distributed through May 2018 will be 855,827.

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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.

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#### 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 38 counties and over 5,000 children annually. This early literacy program and partnership has been operating since 1998.

In 2018, the Wisconsin Bookworms program will celebrate a 20-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/>