

Fritz Elementary School  
Library Media Center / PTO  
Birthday Book Program

Would you like to donate a book to the library  
in honor of your child's birthday?



- The book contains a special bookplate with your child's name and birthday.
- Your child's picture is taken when the book is presented. The photograph is displayed in the library media center.
- Your child is the first person to borrow the book from the library.

***How does the Birthday Book program work?***

Mrs. McCall, the librarian, pre-purchases recent award winning books that are shelf-ready. You, or your child, may select one of these special books to be used as your child's birthday book. – or you may decide to have Mrs. McCall select the book and surprise your child on their special day!

***How to participate in the Birthday Book program:***

- Complete the form below.
- Enclose \$15.00 (cash, or check made out to "Fritz School Activity Fund").
- Return form and \$15.00 to the Fritz library in an **envelope** marked "LMC Birthday Books."
- Please contact Mrs. McCall at 203.284.6910 with any questions you may have.



Please note: *There is a \$25.00 charge for checks returned for insufficient funds per school policy.*

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_  
as it will appear on the bookplate

Birth \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
month day year on birthday

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Child's teacher \_\_\_\_\_

## Birthday Book Program Frequently Asked Questions

*What is the birthday book program?*

Parents may wish to order a book for the Fritz Library Media Center to commemorate their child's birthday. A name-plate is placed in the front of the book, and a picture of your child holding their birthday book is displayed in the library during their birthday month. Your child is the first to read the book!

*How much does a birthday book cost?*

The cost is \$15.00. Please place cash or checks in an envelope marked Library Media Center (LMC) Birthday Book. Checks should be made payable to **Fritz School Activity Fund**.

*How long can my child keep their birthday book at home?*

There is no due date for a birthday book. Your child may return it to the library anytime during the school year.

*Can I purchase my own book and donate it to the birthday book program?*

Unfortunately, it is not possible for parents to purchase a birthday book for our library as we must obtain "shelf-ready" books from our vendors. The books come processed with barcodes, spine labels, Mylar covers, and downloadable MARC records.

*How far in advance can I order a birthday book?*

The sooner the better! You can send in your check today for a birthday in June!

*How do you select the books?*

I read multiple trade publications, and use online resources to find highly acclaimed and award-winning books. I also spend a lot of time in bookstores and public libraries!

*My child loves stories about baseball, but his birthday book was not on this topic.*

There are some topics that all children seem to love, such as sports and animals. Unfortunately, there are not enough excellent books on these topics to fill all the requests, or we may already have a large number of books on this subject in the library. By chatting with your child, reviewing their circulation history, or asking their teacher for ideas, I try to purchase books that your child will enjoy!