

The Book Buddies Bulletin

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A PROGRAM OF THE SAISD FOUNDATION

Book Buddies provides free books for SAISD students in grades PK-8, allowing these students to start and grow their own home libraries. Share your love of reading by helping kids in SAISD. With the help of volunteers and donors like you, Book Buddies delivers tens of thousands of books to campuses across San Antonio. Our goal for the 2021-2022 school year is to deliver 87,000 books to 22,000 students at 45 schools (4 each per child). [Click here to volunteer.](#)

BASKIN BOOK CELEBRATION

It really was "the most wonderful time of the year" when students at Baskin Elementary received their shipment of books from our Book Buddies program right before the holidays. Excitement and joy were felt all around as we heard children say "Are these books really mine?" And, "Do I really get to keep these?" Baskin principal Yvonne Martinez got to witness this excitement in her students and said, "I love how lucky we are to have received so many books from the SAISD Foundation for our students. It was great to see our students choose books that interested them, that they were able to take home with them. I wish you could see their big smiles. New books are new adventures. Thank you so much for the generous donation."

Fun Fact: Yvonne volunteered at our November 23rd sorting session not knowing that Baskin was the school we were working on that day! She got to see the process full circle from sorting to delivery to celebrating new books!

Baskin Book Buddies Celebration



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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT - CAVALIERS CARE

Texas Cavaliers Charitable Foundation hosted their 1st annual Cavaliers Care volunteer service day on Saturday, December 4th. Over 100 volunteers from the Texas Cavaliers spent the day volunteering at 11 different charities throughout San Antonio. Our Book Buddies program was selected and we had 15 people (Cavaliers and their families) help sort books and get them ready for delivery. Before the event, Cavalier Jeff Bailey said, "We are really looking forward to working alongside your staff and volunteers and for our Cavalier families to experience all the great things you are doing for children in San Antonio." We are so grateful for your financial and in-kind support - thank you to the Texas Cavalier Charitable Foundation for being a donor to Book Buddies!



THANK YOU TO OUR LEAD VOLUNTEERS!

Our lead volunteers truly are a special group of people! They volunteer their time at least once a month to run a Saturday sorting session. During the winter break, we all got together for a holiday cookie exchange and training session. Thank you to (pictured left to right) Carrie, Susan, Karen, Bonnye, Cristina, Jane (founder), Judy, and (not pictured) Vanessa, Debbie, and Samantha for going above and beyond to help create a community of volunteers, and ensuring our books are all sorted correctly so that our students can pick appropriate and quality books for their home libraries! We appreciate each one of you!



WANT A BOOK BUDDIES T-SHIRT AND WATER BOTTLE?

Volunteer at least 2 times at our sorting sessions and as a thank you for coming back, we will give you a Book Buddies water bottle!

Volunteer at least 5 times at our book sorting sessions and we will give you a Book Buddies t-shirt.

T-shirts are also available for a \$10- \$20 suggested donation. Credit card donations can be made on-site at our sorting sessions, or online at <https://www.saisdfoundation.com/donate/> (please note Book Buddies t-shirt in the comments) and can be picked up at the SAISD Foundation office or picked up at your next volunteer shift.

Got questions? Call our office at (210) 554-2235.

UTSA DAY AT BOOK BUDDIES

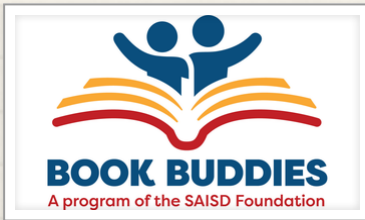
MEET MARGOT

Margot is spearheading a new Book Buddies volunteer program specifically for UTSA students to earn their service hours. Students will be coming every Monday from 12-2 pm to help us sort and box books. Read Margot's story here:

"Reading was everything to me as a child. When I learned about Book Buddies and their mission of making reading more accessible to thousands of students by giving them books to keep, I knew I had to get involved. I started out by volunteering regularly over the fall semester of 2021 to earn service hours for my scholarship. Unfortunately, I had work conflicts with many of the volunteer dates available and couldn't attend as often as I would have liked. Towards the end of the semester, one of the lead volunteers reminded all of us that we could schedule group sessions with the organization during the week if we reached out. As a member of the Top Scholar program and an officer of their student organization, I knew that this was a great way for me to come at a more convenient time during the week and bring UTSA students along with me. I am excited to begin this semester as a trained lead volunteer and hope that the students of UTSA can make our best effort to help Book Buddies donate as many books as they can."



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