



# BOOK DRIVES

## Summary

PSEA's goal is to facilitate book drives in every PSEA region by assisting in activating members and helping them with outreach to families and communities. These activities can result in multiple positive outcomes, and the project can be customized to specific regional needs.

## Objectives

- Identify a group of members in each region who are willing to collect books and distribute them to families, a library, or a community organization.
- Inform book drive volunteer members about Partners for Public Education materials and grants for promoting book drive activities (grants are available, but limited).

## Book Drives

PSEA will encourage locals to conduct book drives that meet the needs of the families in their communities. Book collection could focus on books for specific age groups, such as Pre-K or school-age children, or focus on a particular theme such as health and wellness or preserving the environment.

## Partners

Locals may choose to work in connection with other locals (within their cluster or region), and/or community organizations, such as: United Way; Head Start; veterans or senior centers; colleges; hospitals; membership clubs like Elks and Rotary; other local unions; food banks; parent groups like PTAs or boosters; or student groups like Key Club. Locals may choose to partner with HealthCare-PSEA locals, especially if focusing on wellness or hospital distribution.

Distribution may be connected with community events, such as feeding programs for low-income families, or at public venues such as a mall, or books may be donated to a school library, a community library, library in another community, or lending libraries in local community or wellness centers, etc.

## Grants

Small grants are available to help members promote their book drives. Grant information is available through staff in the Communications Department and Field Division.

Regions, locals, or members may also apply for a grant through the PSEA Education Foundation to purchase books to supplement local book drives. The purpose of the Foundation grants is to purchase new low-cost books from First Book, or other non-profit entities that provide access to new books for children in need.