



Military Children's Charity, Inc.
New Book Collection & Donation Guidelines
Lew's Library Program

Military Children's Charity, originally founded in 2010, has a mission to support and recognize the children of American Service members and our U.S. military families. Lew Johnston was our founder Isaiah Navarro's grandfather and MCC's first donor. Lew loved to read, often completing several books a week, and then giving the books away to American Service members and their families. Sadly, Lew, a former U.S. Marine himself, passed away in 2020 during the global pandemic. MCC's literacy programs are inspired by Lew's passionate example of incorporating together reading and giving. Thank you for stepping forward to acknowledge and recognize our U.S. Military Children and teenagers with new books! Please closely review the following guidelines to ensure a successful collection drive. Throughout the year, MCC distributes thousands of gifts across multiple branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. The more organized that your collection drive is in advance, the more successful your results will be.

Gifting Guidelines:

- ✓ Thank you for helping MCC to appreciate our U.S. Military Children, while also contributing to their opportunities for learning, growth, and enrichment.
- ✓ Please **do not wrap any of the books**; all items must be **UNWRAPPED**. If the books are wrapped, our volunteers must then unwrap them before delivery to the U.S. military. Our team inspects every single book we receive before it goes to the military.
- ✓ As a non-profit organization, M.C.C. accepts only **NEW** books for our U.S. Military Children and their families, to say thank you. M.C.C. **will not accept used or even gently used books**. If you donate an item that we determine is *used*, we will be annoyed and must re-donate it elsewhere.
- ✓ Please plan to deliver what you have collected to one of MCC's volunteer team members because our organization **does not drive to pick up the books** collected under any circumstances. **It is 100% your responsibility to get them delivered to an MCC volunteer point of contact**. In fact, we ask that you work out the delivery arrangements in advance on *when* and *who* will drop your donations off, before you even begin collecting the books.
- ✓ Please remember the teenagers! The teens are often overlooked by the donations that we receive.
- ✓ Also, please do not forget the babies, books for newborns to 2-year-olds are very much desired.
- ✓ MCC prefers non-fiction, STEM focused books, if possible. However, we will absolutely accept another genre. The purpose is to encourage our Military Children and teenagers to learn to enjoy reading.
- ✓ MCC does not accept religious or political books of any kind.
- ✓ All books must be in the English language. Although we appreciate other languages, we have no way of knowing who might want a book in Spanish or French, for example, so please English only.
- ✓ Please do not write inside of the book or leave "notes", they will be removed. However, you are welcome and encouraged to include an unsealed greeting card of appreciation which can be included.
- ✓ We will accept books for adults and distribute them to the American Service members when we are aboard the bases for other events. MCC believes that our Military Children and teenagers learn from the positive example of seeing their parent(s) and/or caretaker(s) read too.

New Book Suggestions:

For convenience, MCC has created multiple gift shopping lists on Amazon. If you prefer, you (and/or your team) can place donation orders directly online at the hyperlinks listed below and these donations will arrive at our door. Alternatively, if you are doing a physical collection drive of Books, the Amazon lists will provide you with suggestions on preferred items. Especially important: If you purchase from any of our Amazon lists, please email our CEO a copy of your invoice, Amazon does not share the buyer's information:

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Amazon Lists:

1. New Books for U.S. Military Children: <https://a.co/j40UDbp> →
2. Books for Military Connected Schools: <https://a.co/4bsvWSM>
3. Charity Operations – Help Us Help Our Military Families: <https://a.co/2GU6ayh>



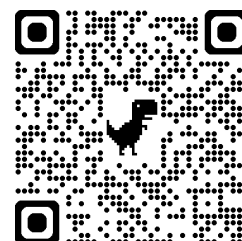
Summary Recap:

1. Do not wrap anything!
2. No *used* or *gently used* books.
3. You must deliver your collection of new books to an MCC point of contact.
4. No religious or political books are accepted by MCC.
5. We encourage Americans to leave an unsealed greeting card of appreciation inside of the book.
6. MCC will accept **new** books for our American Service members as well.

Donate Monetarily on MCC's Website Via PayPal:

This is the fastest and easiest way to give to MCC. There is no PayPal account registration needed to make a monetary contribution. Please include your contact information to receive a donor receipt.

<https://www.militarychildrenscharity.org/donate.html>



Scan the QR Code to the Right for MCC's Website to Donate Via PayPal:



Monetary Donations, Cash, Gift Cards & Online Book Purchases Mailed to MCC's Headquarters:

You may mail Checks, Cash and Gift Cards to MCC directly. Also, you may purchase new books online at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, E-Bay, (etc.) and ship these directly to our Headquarters. Please remember to email your invoice to Cherie for a donor receipt so that our team may thank you for your support!

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Physical Collection Drives: Host among your Company, Colleagues, Civic Organization, Religious Organization, Family & Friends, etc. Communicate Collection Plans & Questions – Contact (703) 999-0037

- ✓ Collect in either Northern Virginia or Quantico/Stafford Area
- ✓ Orange County & Riverside County in California
- ✓ You may collect in Los Angeles & San Diego Counties; however, you must either ship the books to our Headquarters or plan to drive to Riverside County to deliver them.

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