

Having books to read – at home and in the classroom – is the number one predictor of reading success. But the reality for millions of children from low-income families is that books are an unaffordable luxury. Without books, and the intervention of great programs and schools, these children are at risk of falling behind in the classroom, the workforce and beyond.

<u>First Book</u> can quickly provide you with access to brand new, age-appropriate **free or low-cost books** for the kids you serve.

<u>First Book</u> is an international nonprofit social enterprise that provides access to new books and educational resources for programs and classrooms working with kids from low-income families. Since 1992, First Book has distributed more than 100 million new books to nearly 90,000 schools and community programs like yours nationwide that work directly with children in need.

The first step is to <u>sign up</u>, which is free and takes only minutes. Once you sign up, you will have immediate and ongoing access to free books through the <u>First Book National Book Bank</u>, and low-cost books through the <u>First Book Marketplace</u>. Anyone working with kids in need can sign up, and everyone in your organization can register.



To best serve you, we will need to collect some information when you register. You will need:

- An estimate of the percentage of children served by your organization or program who
 are from low-income families. To sign up with First Book, you must be serving at least 70
 percent kids in need.
- Criteria used by your organization to determine the definition of low income (e.g. Free and Reduced Lunch, Census poverty data, HUD data)
- An estimate of how many kids you serve, their ages and languages spoken

Once you've registered, please share this with your partners and colleagues serving kids in need. First Book has books for them too!

ALREADY REGISTERED? Log in to your First Book account and update your account information.

NEED HELP? Contact the First Book Help Team at 866-READ-NOW or help@firstbook.org.

Thank you for the work you do to support children in your community!

Happy Reading!