

Bookin' It for Kids

A collaborative fund-raiser benefiting Hooked on Books! and the Inner-City Neighborhood Art House

We want to put back the "fun" in fundraising!

During the months of March and April, we are asking you to help us organize a series of parties in the Erie County area that will benefit hundreds of children. We are calling our fund-raiser:

Bookin' It for Kids

Will you help the Inner-City Neighborhood Art House and Hooked on Books! by hosting an event?

Please read our party suggestions and then be as creative as possible. All you need are enthusiasm, commitment and a handful of people who love children and want to make a difference in their lives.

We guarantee you'll have fun at a Bookin' It for Kids party/event.



Hooked on Books! fosters a love of reading by exposing children to the beauty and excitement of books through its volunteer reading program.



The Neighborhood Art House introduces at risk children to the life-changing experience of personal creativity through the arts.

How to Host a Bookin' It Party

Choose a party format from the following suggestions. Or visit the Hooked on Books! website, www.hoberie.org, for sample invitations and additional event ideas. Or create a party idea of your own. Invite 10 to 20 (or more) fun-loving friends to attend.

Provide simple snacks and drinks or do a pot-luck. Suggest donations of \$10-\$15 a person or \$25 a family. Request that guests RSVP by mailing in the donations to you. If you prefer, collect donations at your party. (Make checks payable to Bookin' It for Kids.)

BYOB SWAP

Bring Your Own Book Swap: Ask everyone to bring a gently-used book, or two. Books may come as they are, in gift wrap, or arrive in a plain brown wrapper with a blurb attached describing the book or briefly reviewing it. Select your own swap strategy (random, by lots, competitive bidding, negotiation). Then, if you like, have each person guess the book title and award bragging rights for correct guesses.

Invite your book club, bridge group, poker/golfing buddies, or any other social group to which you belong, to participate in a BYOB Swap and simply incorporate our fund-raiser into your regularly scheduled get-together!



READ-ON-YOUR-OWN-A-THON

Students and Adults may collect donations from sponsors (suggested sponsorship level \$10 for "average" length book). Or, simply sponsor yourself and give the gift of reading a favorite book aloud to your spouse, child, parent, grandparent, friend or neighbor, maybe even your knitting group! Forms for sponsors are available at www.hoberie.org or from Laura Schaaf at 868-2806.

Extra bonus: Students who participate will receive Bookin' It For Kids certificates that can be used for community service hours. Books read may qualify for "Accelerated Reader" credit at school. (visit www.hoberie.org for further info).



Y.A.P.L.E.S

Young Adult Peer Literature EnthusiastS

If you are a high school student or parent of a high school student, consider a **teen Bookin' It Party**. Have participants bring their favorite book, poem or passage, be it Shakespeare or Calvin & Hobbes. Each participant reads aloud his or her favorite piece of literature. All you need is to set a date, sign up friends, collect donations from sponsors, select a site, assemble snacks and bring along your favorite "read aloud." Everyone else chimes in with their own interesting, stimulating, and perhaps even comic comments. (*Adults, do your own A.P.L.E.S. version!*)

FAMILY FUN

AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD ART HOUSE

We're **co-hosting** this one with you! You participate as our co-host by inviting up to 5 families with children to join us on Saturday, March 27 from 10:30 am to Noon, **OR** from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, for a "Children's Taste of the Arts" **Open House**: Hands-on Crafts, Music, Hooked on Books Readers, Computer Fun, Kids' Art Silent Auction, Light refreshments. Suggested Tax Deductible Donation: \$15/child, \$25/family. Simply fill out the attached reservation form for your guests and mail it along with the checks.



For additional information email us at Bookinitforkids@aol.com.

WORK PLACE EVENT

Arrange a **Book Swap** at work. Sign up sponsors or ask for \$10-15 pledges as reservations. Let participants swap as many books as they bring. Or, participants can wrap their books, review them on the wrapping, and "sell" them for a \$5 donation for a paperback or a \$10 donation for hardbacks. If you like to cook/eat, why not do a "**SOUPER**" **Book Swap** with co-workers. If your workplace is equipped to handle it, bring soup in a Crock Pot and offer each bowl of soup for a \$5 donation. Ask co-workers to donate bread and/or dessert. Swap books over a lunch of heartwarming, homemade soup! **Invent your own office event** that works at your workplace! Let us know your ideas via email to Bookinitforkids@aol.com.



Email us at Bookinitforkids@aol.com. Visit www.hoberie.org.

We would love to hear your comments, party ideas and/or suggestions via email or phone. If you do not have Internet access, just call Laura Schaaf at 868-2806 or Beth Baldwin at 449-5191 for registration forms.

Make checks payable to **Bookin' It for Kids**

Bookin' It for Kids at the Neighborhood Art House—201 East 10th St. Children's Taste of the Arts Open House — Co-host Registration Form

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Morning Open House
Saturday, March 27
10:30 a.m. - Noon

Afternoon Open House
Saturday, March 27
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Total Number of Adults
Attending _____
Number of Children _____
Ages _____

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Bookin' It for Kids Host Registration Form

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____
No. of Guests Invited: _____ Date of Party: _____
Brief Description of Party (for PR purposes) _____

Thank You

so much for agreeing to host a **Bookin' It for Kids** Party! It's easy to register and your host responsibilities are fun and easy, too. Just complete the Registration form(s) and mail to:

Bookin' It For Kids Fundraiser
c/o Laura Schaaf/Beth Baldwin
1632 West 40th Street
Erie, PA 16509

Or email us your registration by **including all of the information on the registration form** to:
Bookinitforkids@aol.com.
Visit www.hoberie.org