Thank you for your interest in hosting a book drive for Turning the Page! This packet includes helpful information for hosting a book drive in your office. Inside, you’ll find information about Turning the Page, how to hold a book drive, and some sample email language to get the word out!

**Who are we?**

Turning the Page is a local nonprofit committed to engaging families for student success. Our efforts to support family engagement in D.C.’s Ward 8 and Chicago’s North Lawndale connect parents to home learning resources and activities, create a space for parents to build relationships with other parents and teachers, and build a bridge to further leadership and advocacy opportunities that improve schools and communities.

Donated items (used books, CDs, and DVDs) are resold by Turning the Page to raise funds for our programs in D.C. public schools. This year Turning the Page is partnered with nine public schools in Ward 8 and North Lawndale, helping hundreds of parents from these communities become more active, effective
participants in their children’s education. Our book collecting/selling fundraiser allows us to turn donated used books into funds that allow Turning the Page to best support the families in our programs, as well as buy thousands of high-quality new children’s books to build families’ home libraries, improving home learning environments.

How does it work?

1) You decide you want to host a book drive. Thanks! Place some boxes out to collect the books. Banker boxes with lids work great for this.
2) Find a good place for the drive—high traffic areas with good visibility will remind people to bring in their books!
3) You tell your coworkers to bring in books. We help you with this part by giving you flyers and sample email language.
4) When your drive is over, give us a call! We’ll schedule a date and time that works for you to come get the books. If you need an additional pickup before the drive is finished, give us a call! We’ll be happy to take them off your hands. Contact Turning the Page at books@turningthepage.org.
5) The books come to our office where we sort them to be sold online or in one of our Carpe Librum bookstores.
6) Proceeds from the bookstores and online sales directly support Turning the Page’s year-round programs engaging D.C. and Chicago public school families in their children’s education.

What kind of books do you take?

We accept gently used books, CDs, and DVDs of all genres and for any age (for kids and/or for adults), just no magazines, periodicals, VHS tapes, or encyclopedia or other large book sets (unless classic literature). For textbooks, we ask that you limit your donations to those printed within the last 10 years if possible.

Tax Donation Receipts:

Individual donors requesting a tax donation receipt can email books@turninthepage.org with the number and type of items donated (books vs. CDs vs. DVDs). Turning the Page will email back a prompt receipt.
SAMPLE EMAIL:

We will be hosting a used book, CD and DVD collection in support of education nonprofit Turning the Page between these dates: ________________.

Turning the Page (www.turningthepage.org) works to engage parents of public school students to become stronger educators of their children at home, advocates for their children in school, and leaders in their school communities. By connecting public school families, teachers, and community members, Turning the Page aims to create and sustain strong, supportive learning environments that stretch from homes to classrooms.

To raise critical funds for their programs, they collect donated used books, CDs and DVDs - of all genres and for all ages (please no magazines/periodicals, VHS tapes, or encyclopedia or other large book sets - unless classic literature). Turning the Page then sells the donated items to raise funds for their programs. Visit www.carpelibrum.org for more information on Turning the Page’s fundraising used bookstores in downtown D.C. and Chicago. We have designated a donation space ________________.

Turning the Page will be able to provide tax receipts for donations that you make. Please indicate the number and type of items that you have donated, and send an email to books@turningthepage.org.