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**Better Basics and the Junior League of Birmingham**

Parents,

**WE NEED YOUR BOOKS!** Better Basics and the Junior League of Birmingham are teaming up once again to present *Birmingham Reads* 2016. We are so excited that your school is participating in our *Birmingham Reads Book Drive Challenge*.

As your child will be learning at school, we are collecting new and gently-used children's books for kindergarten through fifth-grade students in low-income communities. Unfortunately, due to a lack of family resources, many of the children served by Better Basics don't have access to reading materials in their homes. The books your child has read can become treasures for a child without books at home.

Your school is competing with other schools in your area to collect the most books by Thursday, April 21. Look through your closets and bookshelves now for books to donate. Then, send in those books with your child, or drop off books at your school by April 21. The books we collect will be distributed to at-risk school children through programs at Better Basics.

The school that collects the most books will be awarded with \$1,000, and the school that collects the most books per pupil will win \$500.

Please help us share the love of reading with a child.

**Thanks for your support!**  
*The Birmingham Reads Committee*

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