

Classroom Wish List

The series Austin-area librarians and campus staff asked for, in the 2025–26 Librarian Impact Survey.



WHAT WE ASKED — QUESTION 8

“I am trying to get students hooked on book 1 of a series and then have access to that series in their classroom. What book series would your 4th & 5th grade teachers like to receive for their classroom?”

4th–5th

GRADE BAND

Book Drive for Kids · the question every response below answers

Complete series for the classroom shelf

A child who finishes book one needs book two within reach. Each line below is a request for the **full set**, shelved in the classroom — not one copy of the first title.

SERIES	AUTHOR	COMPLETE SET
Dog Man	Dav Pilkey	Ongoing series · graphic novels
Diary of a Wimpy Kid	Jeff Kinney	Ongoing series
I Survived	Lauren Tarshis	Ongoing series
The Baby-Sitters Club	Ann M. Martin	Ongoing series · graphic novels
The Bad Guys	Aaron Blabey	Ongoing series
Dork Diaries	Rachel Renée Russell	Ongoing series
Harry Potter	J.K. Rowling	7 books
Captain Underpants	Dav Pilkey	Ongoing series
Big Nate	Lincoln Peirce	Ongoing series
Goosebumps	R.L. Stine	Ongoing series
Warriors	Erin Hunter	First arc: 6 books
Wings of Fire	Tui T. Sutherland	First arc: 5 books
Percy Jackson	Rick Riordan	5 books
The Wild Robot	Peter Brown	Trilogy: 3 books

THE FORMAT THAT BEATS EVERY TITLE

Graphic novels. Named more often than any single series — high interest, low barrier to starting. Where a series has a graphic-novel edition, send that one.

“Our kids still struggle to tell me what they like to read. But when they see it, they know.”

Liliana Martinez Howard, Librarian · Wooten Elementary (Austin ISD)

THE STRUCTURAL GAP

Spanish-language and bilingual editions. An unmet need at majority-Spanish-speaking campuses — and the one category a librarian said she buys sight-unseen.

“I will buy books in Spanish almost without fail.”

Michelle McCurdy, Librarian · Wayside REAL Learning Academy (Wayside Schools)

Three more asks that came up unprompted

GENTLY USED BOOKS

Nearly every campus will take them for classroom shelves — picture books, chapter books and graphic novels alike. Drop-off at the school, not our warehouse.

LITERACY-NIGHT CRATES

New books to give away at family reading events — a repeated ask, including from campuses without a library of their own.

TWICE A YEAR

At least one campus asked outright for two fairs a year: “We should have this twice a year if possible!”

WHY THE SET, AND NOT THE SINGLE COPY

“I would have some students look for continued series when they came to the library after the fair.”

Sophia, Librarian · Bluebonnet Elementary (Round Rock ISD)

To underwrite a series set, a Spanish-language shelf, or a graphic-novel fund for a specific campus, contact **Brooke Terry** · brooke@bookdriveforkids.com