A book can be a child’s first window into the world beyond their neighborhood. It can be a prized possession, a source of comfort, knowledge and amusement – and it can be her first step toward lasting success.

Children from households rich in books are 36% more likely to graduate from high school than children without a home library. Help United Way achieve its Bold Goals 1 & 2 by sorting and distributing books for Akron Public School students.

SORT-A-THON | Monday, March 11, 2019
DISTRIBUTION DAY | Wednesday, March 20, 2019

REGISTER ONLINE AT UWSUMMIT.ORG/BOOKS
For more information contact Julie at jcaruso@uwsummit.org.

SORT AND DISTRIBUTE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES K-6

THERE’S TWO WAYS TO HELP WHEN YOU SHOP AT BARNES & NOBLE
4015 Medina Road, Akron, OH 44333

FUNDRAISER
FEBRUARY 9 - 17
Show this flier or mention United Way at Barnes & Noble and 15% of the proceeds from your purchase will go towards United Way of Summit County’s Page It Forward Book Drive.

BOOK DRIVE
FEBRUARY 9 - 28
When you are asked at the register to donate a book, say YES!
Your donated books will be given to Akron Public School students and help United Way achieve its Bold Goals 1 & 2.

THE TIME IS NOW TO LIVE UNITED

United Way of Summit County
Volunteer to read to children in a Barberton City Schools classroom

Read to Me Day Barberton Friday, March 1, 2019

Reading aloud to children stimulates language and cognitive skills and builds motivation, curiosity and memory. Discover how great it feels to introduce a child to a lifetime love of books by volunteering to read in a Barberton City Schools classroom.

Volunteers may bring a library book, a book of their own, or a new book to donate to the classroom.

Register online at uwsummit.org/read

For more information contact Bethany at bwells@uwsummit.org.
The County of Summit received United Way’s Visionary Award

The award recognizes organizations and businesses that have reimagined what it means to partner with United Way to achieve its Bold Goals by 2025 and effect positive community change.

In 2017, the County of Summit raised a total of $71,000 for local children and families through its United Way campaign. Beyond that, it distinguished itself for its innovative approach to community impact. The County has worked to promote United Way’s Imagination Library, which now provides free books to more than 13,000 local preschoolers—more than a third of eligible kids. This year, the County partnered with United Way’s new Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program to offer free tax preparation services to employees. And the County is a key partner in United Way’s work to achieve its Bold Goal 4—to dramatically reduce emergency room visits due to drug overdoses.

In these ways and more, the County of Summit has demonstrated its steadfast commitment and visionary approach to the current and future wellbeing of everyone in our community.