



# Book Box FAQ

## **Q: What comes in a Book Box? How much do they cost?**

A: Book Boxes typically contain a book, a reading guide, and supplies for hands-on extension activities. Like our in-house children's programming, the boxes are free to the public. The Friends of the Erie County Public Library fund the project.

## **Q: Who makes library Book Boxes? Do you order them from somewhere?**

A: ECPL children's librarians plan and design all Book Boxes from scratch, making them a unique experience for families in our community.

## **Q: How do I register for a box?**

A: Keep an eye on the library's Facebook page! We announce box releases a few days before online registration opens. Registrations begin at a set time. We recommend signing up as soon as possible. Spots for over 100 boxes have filled in as little as three minutes.

## **Q: Is there a set schedule for Book Box releases? Can I expect new ones for each age group monthly?**

A: No, the Book Box release schedule varies. Books and supplies for the boxes are subject to unanticipated delivery delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We can't always plan release dates ahead of time.

As much as we would love to offer boxes for each age group every month, we strive to make the budget last so that we can provide take-home programs for as long as possible!

## **Q: What's the difference between the types of boxes?**

A: The box experience varies by age. Toddler Time and Preschool Book Boxes help you replicate the library storytime experience at home. They contain a book for young children, activity supplies, and tips for building early literacy skills at home. FAMtastic Fiction boxes come with read-aloud chapter books for older children and projects designed to bring the book to life. Other Book Boxes have a special theme.

## **Q: Why does the recommended age for FAMtastic Fiction boxes change?**

A: The age for FAMtastic Fiction boxes depends on the featured book's content and interest level.

## **Q: How can I support this effort?**

A: The best way to support library programming is to join or donate to the Friends of the Library! Visit [erielibraryfriends.org](http://erielibraryfriends.org) for more information. We also love working with community sponsors.