

BOOKS FOR BABIES POSITION DESCRIPTION

Reports to:

Board President

Purpose:

This position works in cooperation with members the Friends of the Library book sort committee members and provides periodic reports, including amounts spent and still left, to the Board of Directors.

Books for Babies is a community outreach program that partners with Thurston County Health Department. Visiting nurses are required to do well baby checks on families receiving state aid. They have told us having a gift for a new family is an ice breaker for them and greatly appreciated by the parents they are visiting.

New children's board books are purchased with funds allocated by the Friends of the Lacey Library. The library manager provides informational pamphlets. Books are purchased in Spanish and English languages.

The books are taken to the Thurston County Health Department to be distributed to needy families that are struggling to provide food and shelter and don't have the resources to purchase books. These families live in Thurston, Mason, and Lewis counties. Providing them a book encourages parents to read to their babies and toddlers. It also promotes the use of libraries throughout all three Thurston Counties.

Books are purchased through internet sources, such as First Book and Target. Occasionally, when the nurses ask for them, like new picture books are provided for the older children in the families. These picture books are sourced from donations made to the Friends.