

Spread the Love of Reading - World Book Night

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As we prepare for the holiday season, many of us are thinking about gift giving and receiving. A lot of the gifts given will be books.

I know when counting my blessings, I list the endless hours of enjoyment I've had lost in a book, a gift of the love of reading developed by family.

In addition to these seasonal holidays, there is another chance for giving on World Book Night. World Book Night is celebrated to commemorate Shakespeare's birthday. On that happy day, more than 25,000 volunteers will give away books to honor the bard and to spread the love of reading.

World Book Night is all about giving. Authors have waived royalties on the selected books and the publishers incur printing costs. Their generosity enables the organization World Book Night U.S. to provide half a million printed books to people who only read a little or not at all.

Libraries volunteer to participate by agreeing to receive and distribute shipments of books to volunteers. And volunteer WBN Book Givers give their time to distribute books in the community.

World Book Night will take place on April, 23, 2014 but to have the chance to give away brand new free books, you need to sign up now.

If you'd like to spread your love of reading, sign up to be a WBN Book Giver by January 5, 2014. Your books can be shipped to the library, and you'll hear from me when they arrive. Then you use your own plan to spread the love of reading.

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