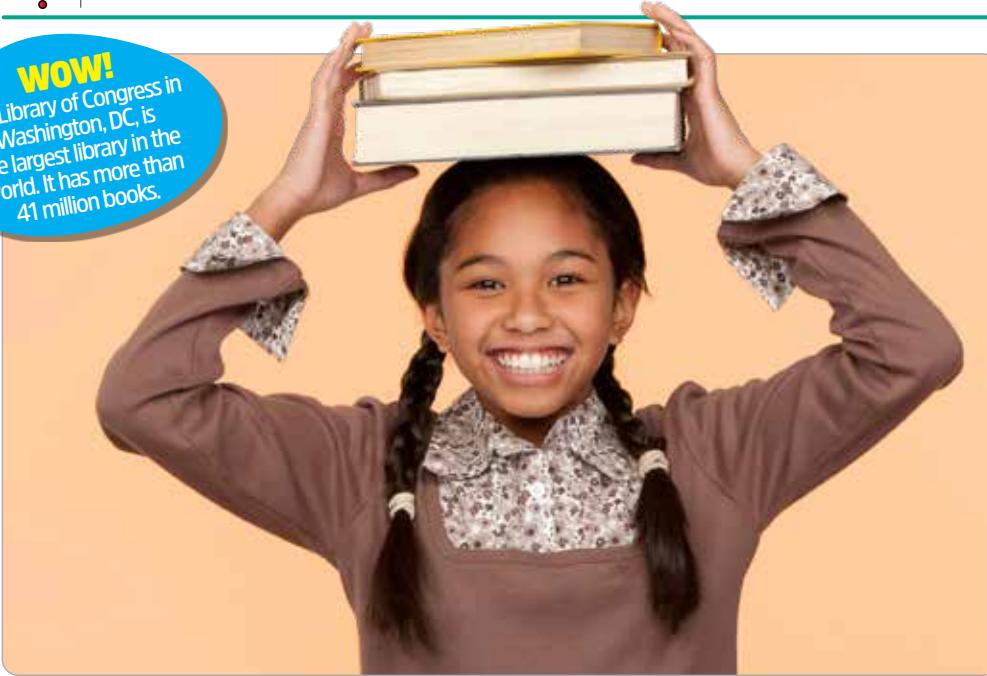




How to...

WOW!

The Library of Congress in Washington, DC, is the largest library in the world. It has more than 41 million books.



Host a used book sale

Get neighbors excited about reading by selling books you no longer need.

If you and your family like reading, you may have many books in your home that you no longer need. One way to make room on your bookshelves is to host a used book sale and donate all or part of what you raise to a cause you care about. By selling books at a reduced cost, you also ensure that the books you loved will continue to be enjoyed by others. Here's how to get started.

Gather books

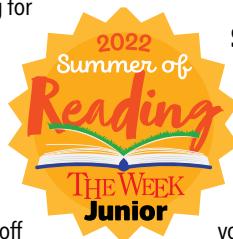
Let friends and family know you're looking for book donations. You can accept all books, or you can specify donations of certain books. For instance, you could do a used book sale of only picture books and first chapter books. Consider leaving a large box at your front door labeled "book donations" so friends and family can drop off their books anytime. (Be sure to bring the books inside that are dropped off each day.)

Choose a charity

Before you host your book sale, decide on the charity or cause you want to support. This way, you can explain to people who shop at your sale where their money is going. You may want to choose a local food pantry or your local library to donate to. Or you could donate to a national charity that works to make sure all people have access to books. Some examples are Room to Read, First Book, and We Need Diverse Books.

Get the word out

Create signs that share the date, time, and location of your sale and place them around your neighborhood and town. Be sure to include what types of books will be available and the charity the sale is supporting. You can also ask an adult to post about the sale on social media. On the morning of the event, make a larger sign or banner and place it in front of your home to attract people who walk or drive by.



Sort and set up

Begin saving and collecting large cardboard boxes. Label each one with a genre or type of book you'll be selling, such as Middle Grade Mysteries or Adult Historical Fiction. If you have a lot of children's books, you could separate them into boxes for Board

Books and boxes for Picture Books. Label the boxes with how much each book in that section costs, or make a sign that lists general prices.

Run the sale

On the morning of the sale, move the boxes outside on folding tables. You'll also want to recruit some adults or friends to help you. For instance, kids could answer questions about children's books, and adults could be in charge of taking and managing the money. For any books that don't get sold, you may be able to donate them to your local library or community center.

4 more ways to support a cause

Try these additional ideas for raising money to help others.

Talent show

Have friends sign up to dance, play an instrument, do a magic trick, or perform in whatever way they would like. Set a time, date, and place, then sell tickets to attendees for a small fee.



Art show

Create a gallery of your own artwork, and ask



friends to donate theirs too. Then invite people to come to the show and bid on any art they would like to own.

Lemonade stand

Set up a table in your front yard with a big batch of lemonade and a sign. This is a perfect activity for hot summer days!



Rubber duck race

Ask people to pay a small fee to enter the race. Meet at a



small pond or stream in your area and hand out rubber ducks with numbers on the bottom. Have everyone release their duck, and let them float downstream to a designated finish line. The person whose duck crosses the finish line wins.