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Literacy is the foundation of effective communication and lifelong learning. As educators dedicated to shaping young minds, you understand that challenges related to early literacy often begin in childhood and can persist well into adulthood. To help address these challenges, the Toys for Tots (TFT) Literacy Program provides children with direct access to books—believing that access is a critical step in building strong reading skills and confidence.

Launched in 2008, the Toys for Tots Literacy Program is a year-round initiative focused on providing children in need with the tools necessary to succeed academically and beyond. By encouraging a love of reading, the Program helps break the cycle of poverty and supports lifelong learning.

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation continues to support literacy efforts nationwide by providing books directly to schools that receive Title I funding. Through this ongoing commitment, the TFT Literacy Program has distributed more than 3 million books to Title I schools across the country. Your school and/or school district may benefit from this Program by requesting books aligned to specific reading levels, which are shipped directly to recipients at no cost, thanks to the continued generosity of the American public. We are also proud to partner with the National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators (NAESPA) in supporting this effort.

In 2025 alone, the Program distributed 2.7 million books, bringing the total to more than 63 million books provided to economically disadvantaged children nationwide.

To support students directly – and to assist teachers with classroom and library resources – we provide age- and reading-level-appropriate books that emphasize educational value and enrichment. Books that focus on STEAM topics (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math), as well as engaging titles that inspire curiosity, creativity, and enjoyment. Through this back-to-school initiative, we will distribute up to 250,000 books nationwide.

We invite you to submit your request using the [Title I Book Form](#), or via the QR Code below. Requests will be accepted beginning 2 March and will conclude once the budgeted number of books is met.

We value your feedback. After receiving your books, we ask that you complete the brief [Survey](#) to share how the materials were used and the impact they had on your students.

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation looks forward to supporting your efforts and expanding students' access to quality reading materials. We are honored to play a small role in your important mission of educating our Nation's most precious resource – our children!

Thank you for all you do and Semper Fidelis!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Laster".

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