

## **Book donations sought for Summer Food program**

DHS is collecting new children's books for distribution to children and youth who receive meals through the department's Summer Food program. The department is seeking donations of new picture books, early reader books, and chapter books appropriate for children ages 5 through 12. A list of suggested titles is available on the DHS [donation list on Amazon.com](#), where books can also be purchased and shipped directly to DHS. Books are being collected through June 1.

Drop off boxes have been placed at the Human Services Building (One Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222) and the County Executive's Office (Allegheny County Courthouse, 436 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219), and donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm. Books can also be dropped off at the following park offices (park office locations can be found at <http://alleghenycounty.us/parks/index.aspx>):

### **Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4pm**

- Boyce Park
- North Park
- Round Hill Park
- South Park

### **Monday-Friday, 7:30am-3pm**

- White Oak Park

Summer Food, which runs mid-June through mid-August, is a free breakfast, lunch and recreation program for children up to 18 years old. The program feeds several thousand children every day in neighborhoods where children receive free or reduced lunches during the school year. In recent years, along with providing meals, DHS has also offered a selection of books at each site, free for kids 12 and under. Many children who participate in the Summer Food Program do not own books of their own, and the children have been very appreciative.