



To assist with children’s emerging literacy development and in response to the COVID-19 emergency, the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) is excited to announce establishment of the **West Virginia Blue Ribbon Book Club Project**.

This project features a collaboration between the WVDE, Marshall University’s June Harless Center, and The Dollywood Foundation to provide a small library of high-quality children’s books to all exiting kindergarten and first grade children, and first and second grade classrooms.

Coordination with The Dollywood Foundation and the June Harless Center at Marshall University will provide over 198,000 books to West Virginia children this summer.

Blue Ribbon Book Club books for 2020-2021 First Graders & First Grade Educators	Blue Ribbon Book Club books for 2020-2021 Second Graders & Second Grade Educators
Children will receive mid-June	
Ladybug Girl & the Rescue Dog	Otis and the Kittens
The Night Before First Grade	Violet the Pilot
Children will receive mid-July	
A Pig, a Fox, and a Box	How Chipmunk Got His Stripes
How to Hide an Octopus and Other Sea Creatures	The Missing Baseball
The Loopy Coop Hens	This School Year Will Be the BEST!

The West Virginia Blue Ribbon Book Club website has been developed to promote usage of the selections:

Family Engagement Activities

- » Family engagement strategies for each book
- » Read aloud examples for each book

Assistance with Reentry to School

- » Children will have something in common with each other (the same books). This can assist with development of social and emotional support and a sense of belonging.
- » Because each classroom (per above) will receive the book sets, educators can use the books to assist with literacy development and to assist with establishing routines and a sense of normalcy.

To access more information about the West Virginia Blue Ribbon Book Club selections, family engagement activities, and read aloud examples, visit wvde.us/blueribbonbooks (available the second week of June 2020).

