

Dear Audubon Parents,

Audubon Elementary has a tradition of celebrating students' birthdays with books through our "Audubon Birthday Book Club". This birthday book club is a **donation program** for helping to keep our school's library collection current. It is our library's goal to have our library filled with books that meet the information needs and interests of our library users. Keeping a library collection current is a big financial commitment, so this is a fun and special way you can help!

When you sign-up and pay for your child(ren) to join our birthday book club, your child gets to choose a new book to be donated to our school library in his/her honor. Your child will choose a new book during his/her birthday month from a selection of new books prepared by the library staff. A special label will be placed inside the book, dedicating the book in honor of your child's birthday. Your child will get to be the first patron to check out the new book. When your child returns the book, it will become a part of our library collection for all to enjoy!

If your child's birthday was in August, he/she will choose a book during the month of September. If your child's birthday is in June or July, your child will choose a book during the month of May, so he/she has time to enjoy the book and return it to our library before the school year ends.

**The membership fee to join is \$15.** Please send cash (exact amount) or make a check payable to *Audubon Elementary School* and write "Birthday Book Club" in the memo section on your check. Fill out the "Audubon Birthday Book Club" form with your child's information. If you have more than one child, please fill out *one form per child*. If you have two children joining our birthday book club, you may write one check for \$30 instead of two separate \$15 checks. Return the form(s) and check in an envelope addressed to: Audubon Birthday Book Club. ***Please submit your form as early as possible so processing these requests can begin,*** even if your child's birthday isn't until the spring. It takes a lot of time to order, catalog, and create labels for new books. Deadline for submitting form is the end of April.

Happy Birthday and Happy Reading!

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