

Bookmark Making Guide

Materials Needed:

- Heavy cardstock or cover stock paper (or purchase blank bookmarks online or from your local craft store)
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Markers, colored pencils, or paints
- Stickers, washi tape, glitter (optional)
- Hole punch and ribbon or string (optional)
- Laminating sheets or clear tape (optional for durability)

Step-by-Step Guide:

- **Choose Your Paper:** Use heavy cardstock or cover stock paper for durability.
- **Measure and Cut:** A standard bookmark size is 2 inches by 7 inches, but you can customize it.
- **Decorate:** Use art supplies to add designs, quotes, stickers, or glitter to customize your bookmarks.
- **Add Finishing Touches:** Optionally, punch a hole at the top and add a ribbon or string. Laminate for extra sturdiness.
- **Donate:** Once complete, deliver or mail your bookmarks to: Maryland Book Bank (1794 Union Ave, Baltimore, MD 21211)

Your handmade bookmarks will add a personal touch to our Home Library Program bags and be much appreciated by young readers in Maryland. Thank you for your generosity!

Step 5: Collect Books

- Check donations: Make sure books are in good condition (no missing pages, major tears, or excessive writing).
- Store books safely: Keep them in a dry and clean space until the drive ends.

Step 6: Deliver the Books

Once the book drive ends:

1. Count the books (optional but helpful for reporting success).
2. Pack them in sturdy boxes for easy transport.
3. Drop them off at the Maryland Book Bank at 1794 Union Ave. You can either drop off 24/7 or make an appointment to drop off larger donations by contacting us.
4. Celebrate your success! Share results with participants and thank everyone who contributed.

Step 7: Follow Up & Thank Supporters

- Send thank-you emails or messages to those who helped.
- Post photos and results on social media.
- Encourage people to continue supporting the Maryland Book Bank.

Final Tips for a Successful Book Drive

- ✓ Start planning early.
- ✓ Choose high-traffic collection locations.
- ✓ Make donating easy with clear instructions.
- ✓ Keep participants engaged with updates.
- ✓ Have fun and celebrate your impact!

By following these steps, you can successfully support the Maryland Book Bank and help spread the joy of reading! 📖✨

Thank You!