

BOOK STEWARD RULES OF ENGAGEMENT



- Welcome to Libros Para el Viaje/Books for the Journey Book Steward Program! We are committed book lovers who understand the Power and Beauty of a Book.
- We have distributed books to Refugee Families since the summer of 2018.
- If you commit to a Book Steward Book distribution session, we ask you not to leave midway, or make any other commitments at the time of your Stewardship.
- Arrive early for your book distribution session.
- If you can't make a session, please contact us right away. 575-649-9173 cell.
- Be prepared to improvise, wait if need be, to work with energy and love, and be present with the families and children. Our time is fluid and without hurry.
- Stewards are volunteers. We do not pay Stewards. But we are generous with books, food and love!
- The rewards you will reap are profound and life changing. Expect to Witness Miracle.
- Suggested Book Steward teams are usually two people. Lifting of book boxes is involved. One Steward must speak Spanish and the other must be willing to learn. We can help with Spanish language learning books and encourage our Stewards to Embrace Language.
- We often encounter families who are exhausted, ill, or compromised. We ask you to tend to your health and take care of yourself.
- The work can have an emotional impact—and yet—the benefits are deep. You will be rewarded with powerful human connections and interactions, whether they are with a child, youth or an adult. Keeping a journal is a good idea.
- We are looking for people who step forward, are willing to tell stories to a child, or a group of multigenerational people. Are you willing to sing, to read a story, to laugh, to cry? We appreciate those who come out of the shadows to participate fully with our families, whether it is blowing bubbles, sitting down to have pancakes and coffee, or talk in a circle about your life and dreams.
- One needs a willingness to step outside oneself or perhaps deeper in one's true self to serve others.
- We celebrate the Days: Mother's Day, Easter, Christmas and the Everyday Joys of Being Together with Others. We want to make the book distribution festive and special.
- We collect jewelry sell for the Book Drive and to give it away to the women and children in our groups.
- We gather and collect shawls, scarves, caps, and other items that make our families feel special, comfortable, and loved.
- We have a passionate and deep love to literature and books, all that books are and can do. We believe in the power of books to heal lives. All lives.

WE ARE ALL FELLOW TRAVELERS ON THE GREAT ROAD. . .