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**Media alert: Books by the Busload to give away 15,000 books March 21–22**

**What:** Metropolitan Community College, AIT Worldwide Logistics, Cargo Zone, Metro transit, AmeriCorps and Lutheran Family Services are driving forward literacy by giving away 15,000 free, new books to Omaha families. The public is invited to browse books for all ages and reading levels on Metro buses at three Omaha locations.

**When:** Friday, March 21, and Saturday, March 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Where:** Three locations;

Westroads Mall  
10000 California St., parking lot in front of Dick's Sporting Goods

The Salvation Army Kroc Center  
2825 Y St., front parking lot

Heartland Workforce Solutions  
5752 Ames Ave.

**Background:** Since 2011, Books by the Busload has given away books via Metro bus to area families. The public is invited to browse the books in a library-like setting on the Metro buses and take home titles for free. Fiction and nonfiction books are available for all ages and reading levels.

The event is free and open to the public.

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Metropolitan Community College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, is a comprehensive, public community college that offers affordable and quality education to all residents of Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties. Founded in 1974, MCC has the largest enrollment out of six community colleges in Nebraska and is the second largest postsecondary institution in the state. MCC serves more than 40,000 students annually.