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### **Event to bring Omaha families free books**

OMAHA, Neb. — Metropolitan Community College, AIT Worldwide Logistics, Cargo Zone, Metro, AmeriCorps, Lutheran Family Services and the Omaha Public Library are driving forward literacy by giving away 20,000 new books at three Omaha locations, Saturday, April 11, from 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Since 2011, Books by the Busload has given away books via Metro buses to area families. This year, buses will be at Planet Fitness in North Omaha, the Salvation Army Kroc Center in South Omaha and Westroads Mall in West Omaha. With 20,000 books being given out this year, Books by the Busload will surpass 100,000 donated books given away during its five years in existence.

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 book donation stems from the work of MCC Foundation board member Terry McMullen, who serves as managing director of AIT Worldwide Logistics. MCC's Community Engagement department, Lutheran Family Services AmeriCorps members, and student volunteers organize the thousands of books and distribute them among agencies and community members.

#### **Books by the Busload details:**

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

Planet Fitness

5760 Ames Ave., front parking lot

For more information, contact Lindsey Spaustat with MCC's Community Engagement department at [lmspaustat@mccneb.edu](mailto:lmspaustat@mccneb.edu).

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Metropolitan Community College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, is a comprehensive, public community college that offers affordable, 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 unique credit and noncredit students.