

Masonic Bikes for Books (*Copied from the Grand Lodge of Maine's website*)

The Charitable Foundation of the Grand Lodge of Maine sponsors the Masonic Bikes for Books program to encourage students to read. This year alone approximately 90 Masonic Lodges throughout Maine will present nearly 1,500 bicycles to children participating in reading programs in local schools and public libraries. Evidence shows that schools participating in the program are witnessing improved reading scores among their students. Books also enlighten, inspire, bring happiness and success, challenge our perspectives and provide comfort at difficult times in our lives.

It's essential to establish a love for reading early in life. Towards that end, Masons in Maine are happy to bring the Masonic Bikes for Books program to students throughout Maine's Elementary and Middle schools. The objectives of the program are threefold:

- to increase student reading and comprehension skills
- to recognize positive student achievements
- to provide an attainable goal, with life enhancing results Students are invited to participate in the program, and each time they read an age appropriate book, their name will go into the drawing; the more they read, the better their chances of earning a bike and safety helmet, which will be presented before the school closes for the summer. For more information, please see the Masonic Bikes for Books Facebook by clicking here

<https://www.facebook.com/MaineBikesforBooks>

- or reach the coordinator for Maine at

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Note: You can also contact your town's Lodge of Masons and tell them that you wish to join this program for your local school or library.