

# NICU BOARD BOOK DONATION DRIVE

The St. Elizabeth Healthcare Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) is spearheading a new reading program for its tiniest patients. The goal of this program is to offer parents a selection of board books to read to their baby during their stay in the NICU. For the health of our patients, only new board books can be accepted.

Board book donations can be made in the designated bins at the Main Entrance information desks of our St. Elizabeth Covington, Dolwick, Edgewood, Florence, Ft. Thomas, and SETEC locations during the month of July. Monetary donations to this drive can also be made online: [stelizabeth.com/nicubookdrive](http://stelizabeth.com/nicubookdrive).

## A few suggested titles are:

- Big Red Barn
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?
- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
- Corduroy
- Curious George
- Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed
- Frederick
- Good Night Moon
- Guess How Much I Love You
- Harold & the Purple Crayon
- The Little Engine That Could
- Madeline
- On the Night You Were Born
- The Rainbow Fish
- The Runaway Bunny
- The Tale of Peter Rabbit
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Where the Wild Things Are
- Winnie the Pooh

*“Evidence shows that babies in the NICU process sounds and appropriate verbal interactions that contribute to critical language and cognitive development,” Keri Hinson, Nurse Manager at the St. Elizabeth NICU. “A reading program in the NICU provides a developmentally supportive avenue for parents to bond with their baby.”*