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## Page it Forward: Family Collects 10,000-Plus Books

Deerfield household is on mission to introduce low-income children to the joy of reading.

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There's no stopping this Deerfield family. The Wilkovs are on a mission to collect as many books as they can this summer for charity and they've set their sights high.

"We feel really blessed that our kids have always had books in their lives," Willie Wilkov said. "When we said to our kids, 'Could you imagine a life without books?' and they couldn't; we realized we had to do something."

Fortunately for the Wilkovs, [United Way of Lake County](#) teamed up with [Bernie's Book Bank](#) earlier this summer and kicked off [Page it Forward](#), a campaign to collect 100,000 books for local low-income families.

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When the Wilkovs heard about the drive, they wanted in.

"I would like it if people could experience the same things as me," 9-year-old Ally Wilkov said about what she gets out of reading.

For weeks, the Deerfield family has been stalking other local families for their children's books and it's working. The Wilkovs originally wanted to collect 10,000 books but they've already surpassed that goal.

To find out just how many they've got sitting in their garage and what their new goal is click on the video link above.

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