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**Bank of Texas Launches
Seventh-Annual Literacy Campaign**
Bank of Texas and Houston READ Commission
announce the annual Literacy Campaign and Book Drive.

Bank of Texas and Houston READ Commission are partnering to collect thousands of books for underprivileged children throughout Texas during the seventh-annual Literacy Campaign and Book Drive.

“We are pleased to have collected more than 150,000 books throughout our footprint during the previous years of this book drive,” said Bank of Texas Houston Chairman Randy Walker. “These books are donated to children who need them most, and we are hopeful that this year will be our strongest drive yet.”

During the drive, Texas residents are asked to bring new or gently used books to any Bank of Texas location from June 1-30. Books for children ages 6 months to 12 years are preferred.

Early literacy education can help shape Texas’ future:

- According to the National Institute for Literacy, the ability to read and understand complicated information is important to success in school and, increasingly, in the workplace.
- By age 17, only about one in 17 children can read and gain information from specialized text, for example the science section in the local newspaper.

“The June book drive is a prime opportunity to help curb these troubling statistics and improve the quality of life throughout our great city,” Walker said. “Our children are Texas’ future, so let’s work together to prepare them today.”

Last year, thousands of books were collected during the month of June throughout the company's book drive. With the help of Texas residents, Bank of Texas and Houston READ Commission hope to increase last year's contribution.

In Houston, donated books will benefit the Houston READ Commission.

The Literacy Campaign and Book Drive campaign is held annually in the eight states where BOK Financial Corp., Bank of Texas' parent company, has a presence.

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