READER'S ADVISORY
TO THE MAX

"It's a specifically curated box, carefully chosen by our librarian staff for YOU! Fill out the form, and you'll receive a box with personalized book recommendations and even some goodies"

WHAT ARE
Book Boxes
?

2-3 book recommendations

1 sweet snack, 1 salty snack

Programming flyers

1 "goodie" (bath bombs, drink cozi, pop-it keychains, playdoh, bubbles, stress balls, chapstick, mini notebooks, etc)

Comment card

WHAT'S INSIDE Book Boxes ?

WHAT WORKED FOR US...

GOOGLE FORMS

4 different forms

Early Reader
(ages 0-6)

Middle Grade
(ages 7-12)

Teens
(ages 13-17)

Adult
(ages 18+)

WHAT WORKED FOR US...

LIMITED NUMBER OF SIGN UPS

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  - 15 max
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5 extra boxes/age group for wiggle room

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STORM!

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TALLY!

TACKLED TEAMS 💪

WHAT WORKED FOR US...

WORKING TIMELINE
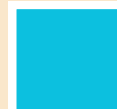
Example: Signing up for a November Book Box

🟡 Sign up for a Book Box the 1st two weeks of the month (kept forms open)

🟠 Staff compiled boxes

🟢 Patrons pick up Book Boxes 1st of the following month

OCTOBER 2024

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WHAT WORKED FOR US...

CHECKOUT TIMELINE

Example: Signing up for a November Book Box

🟢 Patrons have a 2 week window to pick up Book Boxes

🟦 Boxes due 22nd of month

🟥 Books due 1st of following month

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WHAT WORKED FOR US...

CHECKOUT PROCESS

Used Excel Sheet for easy documentation of our records

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| May Middle Grade			
Box #	Box 9	Box 10	Box A
Patron			
Barcode			
Email			
Stamped Books	✅	✅	✅
Stamped Lids	✅	✅	✅
Book #1	12210372 — I Survived: Battle of D-Day, 1944 GN — 10	12188621 — Magic Tree House #26 Balto — 10	12178907 — CYOA: Global Blackout — 10
Book #2	12184657 — CYOA: Perseus the Hero — 10	12158983 — CYOA: Robot Cuckoo-Bananas! — 10	12206781 — The 13-story Treehouse — 10
Book #3	12204852 — Stinetinglers — 10	12200944 — Princess Evie #2: Unicorn Riding Camp — 10	12204011 — Rising Troublemaker — 10
Bonus Material	Stress Ball — 10	Stress Ball — 10	Stress Ball — 10
Treat (Sweet)	Butterfinger	Rice Krispy — 10	Sour Patch Kid — 10
Treat (Salty)	Pringles-SC — 10	Pringles-Chz — 10	Pringles-Og — 10
Comment Card	✅	✅	✅
Patron Comments	"Perfect thing for a road trip. Kept all my kids very happy the whole trip! He loves the choose your own adventure books so much!"	"These book boxes make reading for my daughter exciting! Her reading level has gone up alomst a full grade level since we started gettin these every month."	"Great books. He seen the note and thought it was great! That's so cool you met the author!"
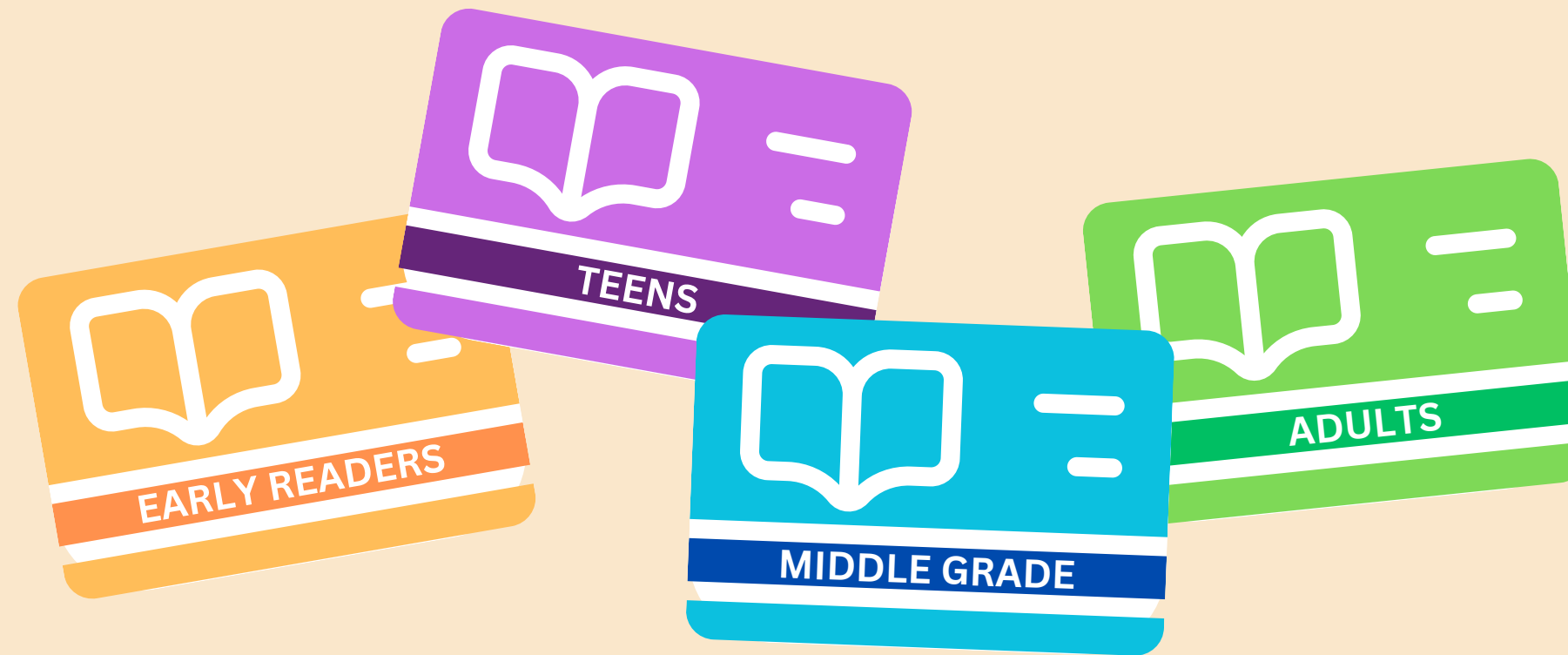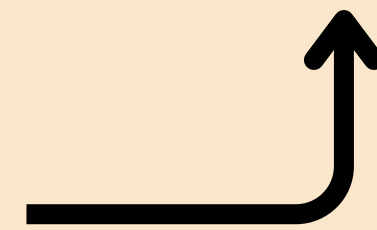
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CHECKOUT PROCESS

Boxes are given barcodes

Early Readers 1
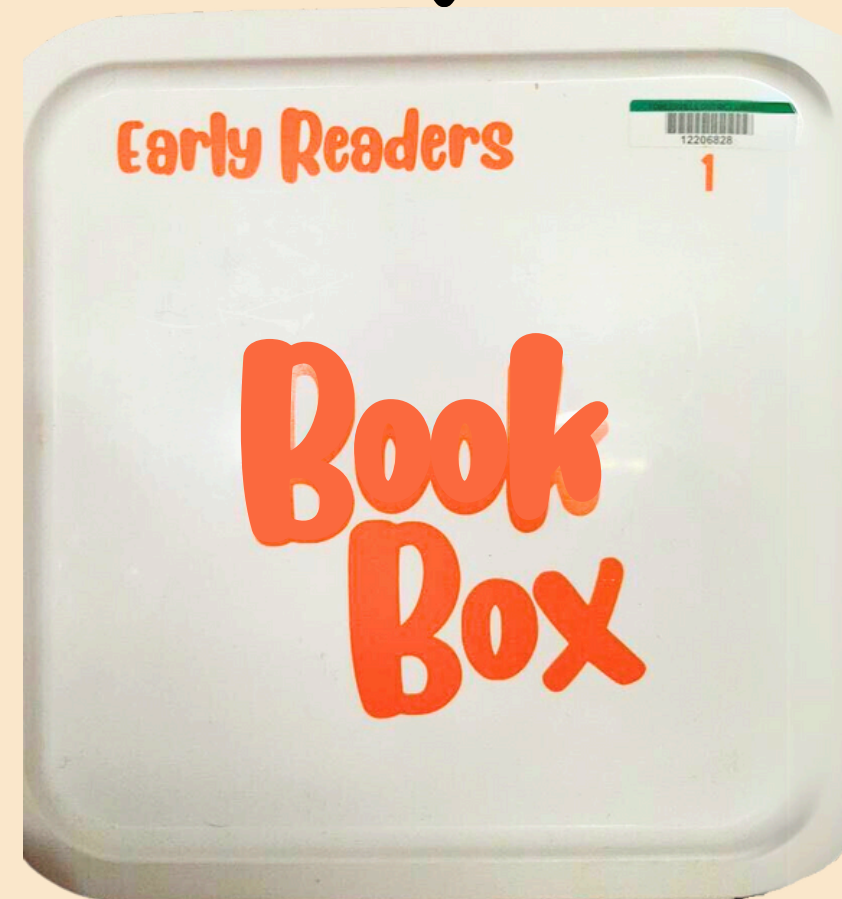
Book Box

PATRON

BOXES are checked out on patron cards

CHECKOUT PROCESS

WHAT WORKED FOR US...

DATE DUE

JUN 2 2 2023
JUL 2 2 2023
AUG 2 2 2023
SEP 2 2 2023
OCT 2 2 2023
SEP 2 2 2023
NOV 2 7 2023
DEC 1 5 2023
JAN 2 2 2024
FEB 2 2 2024
MAR 2 7 2024
APR 2 2 2024
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Book Box

Thank you for ordering a Book Box!

1. Keep any snacks and goodies!
2. Return the books by their due date.
3. Fill out the comment card and return it inside the box!
4. Return the box by the due date listed on the lid!

Fowlerville
District Library
Where your imagination soars
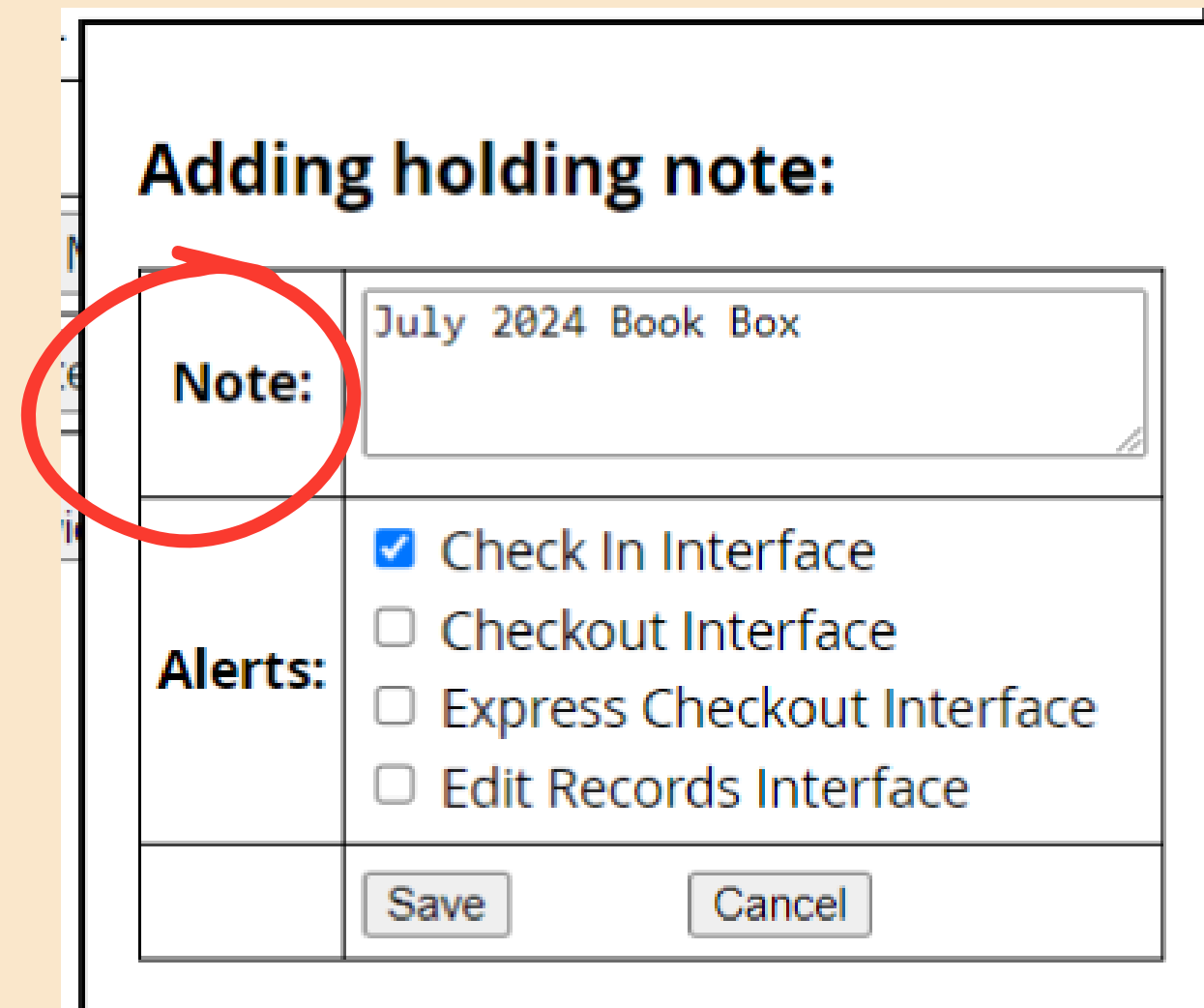
Inside lid for patron instructions

WHAT WORKED FOR US...

CHECKOUT PROCESS

For books not returned by due date:
- Move books from the BOOK BOX account to the PATRON account
- Add a note in item

Adding holding note:

Note:	July 2024 Book Box
Alerts:	☑ Check In Interface ☐ Checkout Interface ☐ Express Checkout Interface ☐ Edit Records Interface
	Save Cancel

WHAT WORKED FOR US...

STATS

- Simplified
- Organized by age group

	Jun , 2023	Jul , 2023	Aug , 2023	Sep , 2023	Oct , 2023	Nov , 2023	Dec , 2023
EARLY READER	4	11	17	15	17	18	15
MIDDLE GRADE	2	5	4	10	5	10	8
TEEN	0	0	4	2	3	3	5
ADULT	2	9	10	14	16	15	15
Total	8	25	35	41	41	46	43

Book Boxes

WHAT WORKED FOR US...

STATS
(backend)

- Imported info from Google Forms
- Isn't shown to anyone
- Doesn't impact buying

Adult

Age	Responses	Genres - Interested		Genres - NOT Interested	
18-29	8	Adventure	38	Adventure	4
30-39	42	Dystopian	17	Dystopian	32
40-49	22	Fantasy	37	Fantasy	21
50-59	13	Historcal	40	Historcal	14
60-69	11	Horror	23	Horror	41
70-79	1	LGBTQ+	9	LGBTQ+	53
80-89	1	Mystery/Thriller	71	Mystery/Thriller	8
90-100	0	Nonfiction	17	Nonfiction	21
TOTAL	98	Romance	58	Romance	7
		Science Fiction	14	Science Fiction	31
		Theme	9	Theme	13
		Gentle Reads	12	**Gentle Reads**	4
		Tear Jerkers	29	Tear Jerkers	19
		Tough Topics/Social Issues	13	Tough Topics/Social Issues	27
		Young adult (YA)	30	Young adult (YA)	4
				Drinking Drugs & Smoking	20
				Language	13
				Violence & Scariness	19

Gentle Reads removed and replaced with seperate not interested in

Comments	Comments	Comments
No I just think this is an amazing idea!! I'm so excited!	Romance, Rom-Com, Psycholigcal Thrillers, Mystery	The webpage would not let me un click the ones I did by mistake. I'm good with pretty much anything!
	Medieval and Renaissance, Any	

Box Breakdown

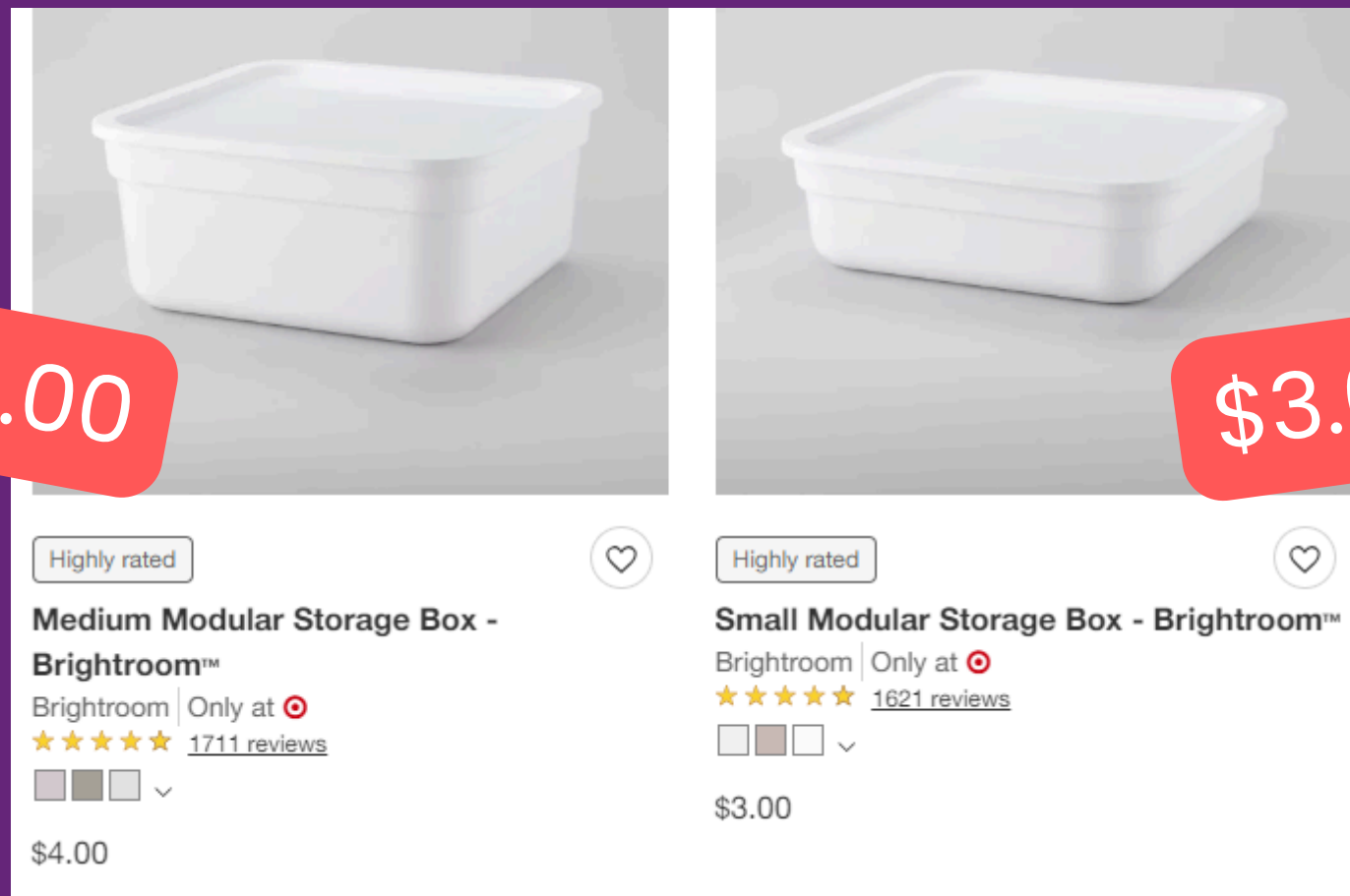**Early Readers: 15 + 5 extra = 20**
Middle Grade: 10 + 5 extra = 15
Teen: 10 + 5 extra = 15
Adult: 15 + 5 extra = 20

TOTAL = 70

35 Small Box @ $3 = $105
35 Medium Box @ $4 = $140

TOTAL = $245

$4.00

$3.00

Highly rated

Medium Modular Storage Box - Brightroom™
Brightroom | Only at ◎
★★★★★ 1711 reviews

$4.00

Highly rated

Small Modular Storage Box - Brightroom™
Brightroom | Only at ◎
★★★★★ 1621 reviews

$3.00

"Modular Storage Box - Brightroom" only at target

COST (START-UP)

"loved her book box and looks forward to them every month. Thanks for such an awesome program"

"I really appreciate this service. I enjoy tying new books that you have selected. The snacks and goodies are a fun bonus. Thanks so much!"

"These book boxes make reading for my daughter exciting! Her reading level has gone up almost a full grade level since we started getting these every month."

"You showed me a new type of book I like."

"Loved everything about this! She finished her first book within the hour! Thank you!"

"These book boxes are fun. I've only done 2, but they are a great way to read new things that I wouldn't have thought to try."

PATRONS LOVE THEM!

"Wow! This exceeded all my expectations. I wasn't familiar with any of thse authors and would not have picked some of these titles on my own - BUT I did a lot of reading past my bedtime, which you know means I was engrossed in the books :)"

"I tell lots of people how wonderfully fun these are and they are jealous their libraries don't do them."

"Love this program! Look forward to it each month :)"

"Literally my favorite part of every month!"

YES A 2ND SLIDE BECAUSE THAT'S JUST HOW COOL AND LOVED THESE ARE

"I once again have found 3 new authors I enjoy thanks to you guys! I am now returning these and checking out the next books in the 2 series. :)"

PATRONS LOVE THEM!

HOW TO MAKE Book Boxes WORK FOR YOU!

ADJUST...

- NUMBER OF RECS
- GOODIES INCLUDED
- NUMBER OF SIGN-UPS
- CONTAINERS USED

QUESTIONS?

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