ComicBooks For Kids

DRIVE TOOLKIT

Host a comic book drive.

A few weeks of collecting can put hundreds of comics in the hands of kids in hospitals. Here's everything you need, start to finish.



2–4 weeks
The sweet spot for a drive.

One goal
Like "500 comics for kids."

Near-new
Comics and boxed Funko Pops.

Any size
Every single comic helps.

How it works

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2. **Collect it safely.** Take only clean, near-new items. Page 2.
3. **Spread the word.** Copy-and-paste flyer, posts and email. Page 3.
4. **Ship it to us.** Pack flat, ship, tell us your total. Page 4.

Who it helps

ComicBooks For Kids! is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) that sends comics free to kids in 200+ hospitals and cancer centers. Our sister program, ComicBooks For Troops, does the same for the military.

Drive ideas: a school reading challenge, a comic shop bin, an office competition, a scout project or a box at the library.

STEP 1

Plan your drive.

Choose a format that fits your group, set a 2–4 week window and give it one number to rally around. If you're putting a box at a school, shop or office, ask them first. Most say yes once they hear it's for kids in hospitals.

BEFORE LAUNCH	Get permission, pick drop-off spots, set your goal and dates, print flyers.
WEEK 1	Launch: post, send your email, put out boxes.
MIDDLE WEEKS	Share progress, check boxes, send a reminder.
FINAL WEEK	Last push: announce the deadline, tally your total.
AFTER	Pack and ship, then tell us about it so we can thank you.

Who to team up with

- **Comic shops:** a bin by the register.
- **Schools and libraries:** class-vs-class challenges.
- **Local businesses:** a box near checkout.
- **Scouts and youth groups:** a service project.
- **Faith and civic groups.**
- **Workplaces:** department-vs-department.
- **Local media:** papers, radio, community pages.

STEP 2

Collect safely.

These comics go to kids who are more vulnerable to infection, and hospitals have strict rules. **How you collect matters as much as how many.**

Yes, please

- Comics that are new or look almost new
- Funko Pops, new and in their original box
- Any kids' or teen titles
- Trading cards in a taped card box
- Clean, dry, well-cared-for items

Set aside

- Mold, water damage or smoke smell
- Pest exposure or heavy wear
- Funko Pops out of their box
- Mature content: nudity or bad language
- Anything questionable. Fewer is better than risky.

On drive day: give items a quick look as they come in, keep your box somewhere clean and dry (not a damp garage), and ask anyone with a contagious illness at home to wait until they're well. No bags or boards needed. We sort by age ourselves.

STEP 3

Spread the word.

Fill in the **[brackets]**, then copy, paste and print. Make it your own.

FLYER

[Drive name]: comic book drive for kids in hospitals

Help us collect **[goal]** comics for kids in hospitals and cancer centers!

Drop off: **[location]** · **Dates:** **[start]** to **[end]**

We're collecting: new or like-new comics, and Funko Pops in their original box.

Everything goes to ComicBooks For Kids!, a 501(c)(3) that sends comics free to children in hospitals. comicbooksforkids.org

POST: LAUNCH

Our comic book drive starts today! Until **[end]** we're collecting new or like-new comics for kids in hospitals. Goal: **[goal]**. Drop yours at **[location]**. #ComicBooksForKids

POST: PROGRESS

[number] comics so far, just **[number]** to go! **[days]** days left to drop off at **[location]**. Every comic is a smile in a hospital bed. #ComicBooksForKids

POST: THANK YOU

Thank you! Our drive collected **[total]** comics for kids in hospitals. Huge thanks to **[partners and donors]**. They're on their way to ComicBooks For Kids! #ComicBooksForKids

EMAIL

Subject: Help us collect comics for kids in the hospital

Hi **[name]**,

From **[start]** to **[end]** I'm running a comic book drive for ComicBooks For Kids!, a 501(c)(3) that sends comics free to kids in hospitals and cancer centers. Our goal is **[goal]** comics.

We're collecting comics that are new or look almost new, and Funko Pops in their original box. Drop them off at **[location]**, and please pass this along. Thank you!

[Your name] · **[phone or email]**

STEP 4

Pack, ship and track.

Packing

- Pack comics **flat and snug** so corners don't bend.
- Use a **sturdy box** and fill empty space.
- **Big drive?** Email us first and we'll help with logistics.
- **Need a receipt?** Just ask.

SHIP TO

ComicBooks For Kids!
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UPS or USPS preferred. Then email **Mark@comicbooksforkids.org** with your total. We love to thank drive hosts on social.

Drive tracker

DRIVE NAME _____ HOST / GROUP _____

START DATE _____ END DATE _____

GOAL (COMICS) _____ DROP-OFF SPOTS _____

WEEK / DATE	COMICS	FUNKO POPS	CASH	RUNNING TOTAL
Final total				



Questions? Email Mark@comicbooksforkids.org or visit comicbooksforkids.org/give-comics. Collecting money too? Funds help cover shipping, and we're glad to send receipts. Thank you for putting comics in the hands of kids who need them most!