

BWB Non-Continental US Book Drives

Where can I run a book drive?

We are currently able to support drives in any territory or state controlled by the United States, including Alaska, Hawaii, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

How do supply orders work?

Because shipping supplies to the non-continental US can cost two or three times as much as traditional shipping, there are a few special considerations:

- BWB can only ship 1 supply order for each drive, so BWB will make absolutely certain to include everything in that one order that will be needed.
- Where possible, BWB will email promotional materials to your chapter and they will have the opportunity to print the information locally.
- BWB is currently unable to supply shipping cartons outside of the continental US (please gather the shipping boxes from the bookstore or elsewhere); however, we are able to reimburse a rep up to \$1 / box, if necessary. .
- Expedited shipping is not available.

How does shipping work?

BWB ships via USPS Media Mail. This has some distinct advantages and disadvantages:

- 1-2 weeks before you expect your contacts needing to ship, place a warehouse request for “USPS instructions and link”. The logistics department will coordinate with the technology department to create a link for label generation. This is rarely something we are able to do within 1 day, so please give as much notice as possible.
- We will send the link and instructions to your contact, which takes them to a page where they enter their name and address. After they click “create label”, an image of their label will appear. They can print out as many as they need.
 - Note: We are not charged by the post office until the label is actually used. Reps should not worry about printing too many labels.
- The Post Office weighs each package and charges us accordingly. A 40lb package is about \$14. This means that your reps do not have to use boxes roughly our “standard” size. Please encourage them to use boxes that weigh at least 30lbs.
- There is no minimum # of packages.

Anything else I should know about USPS media mail?

- The USPS does not offer tracking for Media Mail.
- Transit times range from 7 to 21 business days, so please be patient while waiting for the boxes arrive.

How do Pickups Work?

The USPS does not pick up Media Mail shipments. Packages must be dropped off at a post office or mail room. We are unable to offer support on pickups, so it's up to the rep to get them shipped off.