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Dear Future Minds AI Team (Sahana Balajikumar, Trisha Panchangmath, & Aarush Maheshwari):

Thank you for organizing a book drive to benefit the Bridge of Books Foundation. The **472 books** that you collected are in fabulous condition and children across New Jersey will love the opportunity to choose them to take home to keep.

Just over 80% of New Jersey children living at or below the poverty line are not reading proficiently by the fourth grade (Annie E. Casey KIDS COUNT Data Center 2025). One of the biggest barriers that children face in acquiring literacy skills is having meaningful access to books. *All* children need a fair chance to succeed in school. *All* children need books to help develop literacy skills. *All* children deserve to see themselves in books, escape, and create a love of reading. Your efforts to collect and donate books allow us to make meaningful access to books a reality for more children across New Jersey every day.

Thank you again for your donation of time to organize and complete a book drive.
We hope that you will consider working with us again.

Very truly yours,

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