

Busey Gives Back with United Way

Read, talk, play, every day—the key ingredients to help little ones prepare for school. The sad reality is **33% of children in Champaign County are not ready for kindergarten**, and unprepared kindergarteners are 25% less likely to graduate from high school and 70% more likely to commit a crime as an adult.

To support Champaign County's youth, **Busey is partnering with the [United Way of Champaign County](#) to collect new and gently used books in celebration of their annual Day of Action on Wednesday, June 21.**

"We read to our son every day; and it's not only fun, but we know it's helping him prep for his future as well" says Colin DeCair, Customer Experience Manager for Busey in an [interview](#) on *The Morning Show* on WCIA in Champaign with [Sue Grey](#), President & CEO of United Way of Champaign County.

Busey and United Way will collect new and gently used books on Wednesday, Jun 21 from 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. at four Busey locations:

- **Downtown Champaign:** 100 W. University Avenue
- **Downtown Urbana:** 201 W. Main St.
- **Rantoul:** 1231 E. Grove Ave.
- **Mahomet:** 312 E. Main St.

We're proud to partner with the United Way for purpose and progress in Champaign County! For more information, contact [Colin DeCair](#) or visit UWayHelps.org/DayOfAction.

The Busey logo features a stylized white icon of a classical building with three columns to the left of the word "Busey" in a white serif font, all set against a dark blue background.