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Thanks to the persistent efforts of GE employees and retirees, Books for Kids has been reinstated as a qualified recipient of matching funds from General Electric's "More Gifts, More Givers" program.

Donations from GE employees and retirees to Books for Kids totaled \$1,510, which GE matched dollar for dollar, bringing the total to \$3,020!

Needles to say, we are grateful to everyone who contributed to this successful effort, especially to **Don Proctor** for steering us successfully through the reapplication process and also for helping to recruit donors.

Our thanks are also extended to all those who made qualifying donations to Books for Kids and who contacted GE to have their gifts matched. Although they are acknowledged elsewhere, we want to thank them once again for their generosity.

They are **Paul Baker, Ronald Cocks, Clarence Cunningham, Arthur DeLano, Steve Drabant, Robert Frenzel, Robert Hammers, The Miriam Hasslacher Memorial Fund, Rose Marie Jarmolowicz, Jan Nagle, Joe Podolsky, Edward Priebe, Don Proctor, Glenn Vest, and Martin Wallace.**

How To Contribute

If you are a current GE employee, or if you are a GE retiree or the widow or widower of a former GE employee, your gift to Books for Kids may be matched by GE.

To qualify, donate \$25 or more to Books for Kids. Then call GE at 1-800-305-0669 or go on line at www.gefoundation.org and click on the "Matching Gifts" button.

In either case, you will have to provide the employee's Social Security number and the Zip Code of Books for Kids (16508).

Your gift will then be registered for matching purposes.

Gifts need to total at least \$1,000 per year to qualify, and there must be at least 10 donors.

Gifts for 2005 must be received by December 31 of this year.

Books for Kids on 'QLN

During its last pledge drive, WQLN radio offered listeners the chance to support their favorite non-profit and Public Radio.

Generously responding to this offer was Books for Kids member Dr. Howard Levin, who donated to WQLN a designated Books for Kids as the recipient of eight spot announcements on Radio FM 91.3.

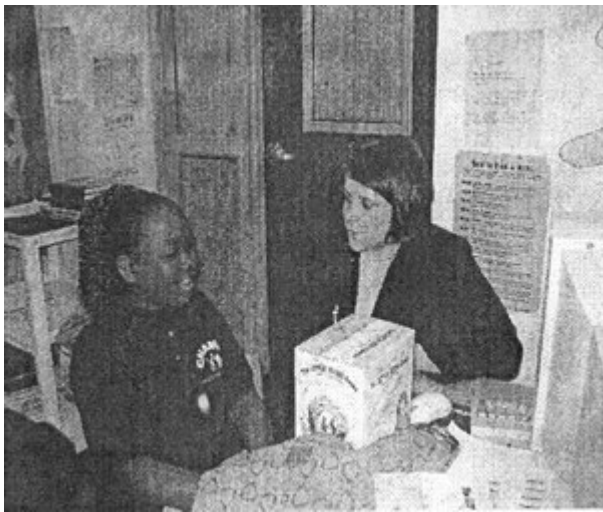
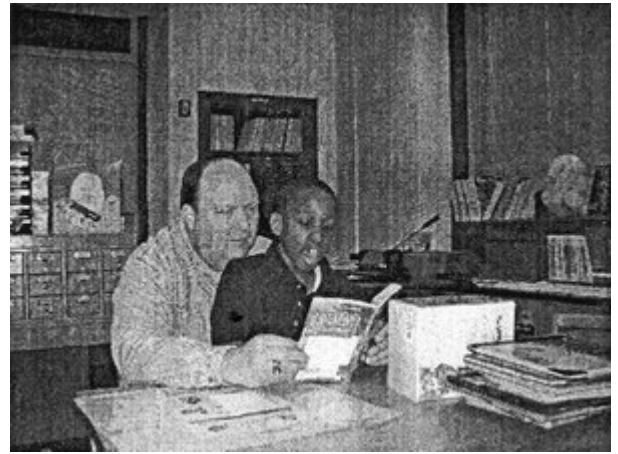
Listen for our "spots" and say thanks to Dr. Levin for all of us.

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Dean Baldwin & Friends at the Art House



Reading Pals present "Little House" books and read to students at Emerson-Gridley

**Books for Kids, Hooked on Books
Promote *Little House* Events**

Books for Kids and Hooked on Books collaborated on two events featuring the Laura Ingalls Wilder *Little House on the Prairie* series.

Impetus for the event was the new ABC-TV series that ran on Saturdays during April at 8:00 p.m. This series, unlike the one that aired years ago, was faithful to the events in the books.

The first was at Emerson-Gridley School, where twenty Hooked on Books volunteers have been reading to students there in the very successful after school CHAMPS program.

Books for Kids gave an entire set of *Little House* books to each child in the after school program.

The second event took place at the Heighborhood Art House, where Hooked on Books readers serve as "reading pals" to children who come there after school for art and music lessons, help with homework, and other activities.

Again, Books for Kids gave each participating child a full set of *Little House* books.

**Hooked on Books Needs
Volunteers**

Hooked on Books needs "reading pals" for its summer reading program at the Neighborhood Art House (10th & Holland Sts).

You may read to the age group of your choice during any week beginning June 20th.

Orientation will be given at noon on June 9 for new readers at the Art House. For further information or to volunteer, call **Dolores Sarafinski** at 871-7422.

New Board Members

We are proud to announce two new members of the BFK Board.

Mary Jo Melvin, Ph.D. has served on the education faculty at Edinboro University since 1990 where she specializes in reading and literacy. She also serves as Assistant Chair and directs the honors program.

Shantel Hilliard is Program Director at the Booker T. Washington Center. A graduate of Mercyhurst College, he has been at Booker T. for three yeas.

New and Renewing Members

Books for Kids is pleased to honor all who have donated since our last newsletter.

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