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Holiday Season Means Big Demand

As the annual holiday season approaches, the demand for free books from Books for Kids goes up and up. Non-profit agencies of all kinds naturally want to provide gifts for the children and young people they serve, and our brand new, high quality books make perfect holiday gifts.

Books have a special way of communicating the holiday spirit, because they speak directly to the person who receives them. Moreover, our books are all brand new, and for many of our recipients that alone is exciting. But it's the lasting value of books that make them especially appealing to all ages. Even a book that one has "outgrown" evokes memories that few toys or games can match.

Looking back on well-loved books, and especially re-reading old favorites, is a wonderful way to recapture who we once were, what we once felt, and how we once thought.

But long before a book becomes an old favorite, it is a new friend. Whether it's a picture book bright with brilliant drawings or a juvenile novel full of fresh adventures, or a biography of a famous person, or a window into a

new world, books gladden the hearts of tots and teens alike.

Knowing this, because we have experienced it ourselves, keeps our distribution duo, **Jane Levin** and **Florence Smith**, happily busy; while distribution chair, **Kathleen Cantrell**, keeps ordering more books for them to distribute.

For photos of some of the people and books involved in recent distributions, see p. 2.

G.E. Matching Gifts Time

Employees and retirees of General Electric are reminded that G. E. will match gifts of \$25 or more to Books for Kids received on or before December 31, 2007.

Last year, G. E. matched over \$1,400 in donations, bringing the total to over \$2,800.

Once the gift is made, donors must go to the GE Foundation web site and click on "Matching Gifts" or call 1-800-305-0669. You will need to supply your GE identification number and the Zip Code of Books for Kids, which is 16508.

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Donna Gloekler Stacks Some Books



Recent Acquisitions



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Sr. Kevin Berdis and Linda Krause
Select Books for Holy Family School

Spelling Bee Scheduled For March 11, 2008

Last year's first ever corporate spelling bee, jointly sponsored by WQLN Family Programs and Books for Kids, was a huge success. We had a full house at Jr's Last Laugh, a great band with the Frank Singer Trio, M.C. Scott Wludoga, dozens of baskets to be won or bid on, crazy costumes, and 14 teams of three spirited adults each competing for a trophy and bragging rights for the year.

The 2008 event promises to be even bigger, and planning is already under way to be sure that everyone involved has a great time again.

We are, of course, looking for corporate sponsors willing to support teams at the \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,000, \$500, or \$250 levels.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a team or in having more information is invited to call **Dean Baldwin** at 898-6214 or **Traci Teudhope** at 217-6020.

Some Recent Thank-Yous

It is always a pleasure to receive thank-you notes from the agencies that distribute our books.

Here are excerpts from a few recent letters:

"Thanks for supplying our children with new and exciting books for enjoyment. God bless you."-Sister M. Kevin Berdis, O.S.F., Holy Family School.

"The Fourth Annual Tandem Townhouses picnic was held on August 24, and we are so pleased that we were able to

provide 58 resident children with 3 books each. Thank you so much for the wonderful gift you provide for these children"-Judith L. Johnston, Fairview Presbyterian Church.

"Thank you very much for the books [you] donated to the abused and neglected children of Erie County. Since we work with some of the neediest children in the county, a special treat like this can really brighten their day"-Mary Jo Cline, Erie County Dept. of Human Services.

Thanks to New and Renewing Members

We are grateful to all those listed below for their gifts.

Without them, we could not provide beautiful new books to the needy children and youth of Erie County.

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Special Gift

The Levin family made a special donation in honor of Fairview Elementary's principal Dr. Ben Horn and teachers Mrs. Twila Eddy, Mr. Craig MacKelvey, Mr. Ed Pichin, Mrs. Sue Curry, and Mrs. Carolyn Sanford.

Happy Holidays To All Our Supporters!

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