

Mission & Social Concerns Committee

The Committee of M&SC would like to thank all those who donated money for the Book Drive for Rochester City School #7. Almost \$800 was raised. With what M&SC gave, we were able to purchase all but one of the books requested. And that was only because it was not available. This project was full of obstacles and I can honestly say I was ready to give up.... but thankfully Eric said keep looking.
So glad he did and a huge Thank You to Ruth at Barnes & Noble.

Total books: 469!

Each classroom received 2 books of each requested title. We also gave them some joke books, sports books and National Geographic books. These were 1 per classroom at the discretion of the Reading Specialist to where she felt that they were age appropriate.

On Monday the 9th, Fred Coffman and I put labels (that Fred provided) on each book stating that these books were donated by their friends..... Western Presbyterian Church, Palmyra, NY.

On Wednesday the 11th, Ruth Dantz and Sally Chase joined me in taking the books to School #7 where we then put another label on each book stating that they were the Property of School #7.

As we were in the hall at a table doing this we were able to see some of the kids. One boy was looking at the books on the table and was excited to see titles that he read and others that he wanted to read. I asked him what grade he was in. He told me 4th grade. Amazing, we were labeling the 4th grade books. When I told him that he would be getting these books in his room he was excited and was telling the other boys that were in line with him.

Another boy offered to help label..... Wow! He actually wanted to help. I told him that I really appreciated his offer, but that we were doing OK getting the job done. I wanted him to go back with his teacher and be mindful and work hard.

I am really impressed with the several students that we were able to talk with. What a pleasure to work with the school and the former Reading Specialist Beth Cross, the administration and their office staff.

Monday the 16th, Cassie Hughes and I delivered a huge fruit basket and trays of cookies to those at Towpath Manor. Thank you to my bakers and Ruth for picking up the apples. The manager was thrilled to see the goodies and thanked us for our generosity. Then off we went to our friends on Main Street where we delivered the Christmas cards that everyone signed along with another card with gift cards to Wal-Mart enclosed. Ray & friends should be very happy.

I would like to say to each and everyone on my committee.... Thank you so much for your support and giving spirit. Without you I could not have had such a great year. May we have a wonderful 2014.

May everyone have a blessed, joyful and loving Christmas and New Year's.
Edie Chapman