

From the Library . . .

As our school year comes to a close, we would like to thank all of our Friends of the Library who have generously made donations to help our library grow. We are grateful to all of them for their support. Our students are enthusiastic readers who are always delighted to see new books in the library. A special thank you to:

- . . . **Junior Girl Scout Troop 22372** who presented the library with a Barnes & Noble gift card.
- . . . **the Fenwick family** who contributed a donation to the library for books in honor of Billy's graduation, Class of 2009.
- . . . **a generous school family** who gave a gift to the library so books could be purchased in honor of Mrs. Gauntt, Mr. McGowan, Mrs. Murray, and Mrs. Posey.
- . . . **Ryan Schaub & family** who donated an autographed copy of *George's Cosmic Treasure Hunt* from the Smithsonian Institute.
- . . . **Paul Christian Stowell & family** who donated a special book in honor of Paul's aunt who inspired his love of reading & writing.
- . . . **the Merlin family** who contributed a generous donation to recognize the kindness of Mrs. Dianne Belecanech.
- . . . **our faculty & staff** who made donations to the library so books could be purchased in memory of Mrs. Conner's sister, Mrs. Burnham's father, and Mrs. Goeke's father.
- . . . **the students of 6A and the members of Mrs. Goeke's book club** who both made donations for books in memory of Mrs. Goeke's father.
- . . . **the Fourth Grade "Just Do It" committee** who raised funds for new library books.
- . . . **the Noworyta family** who donated a wonderful book, signed by the author, about Winter the Dolphin.
- . . . **Larry & Wendy Pizzi** who made a very generous donation to our library.

I would also like to thank the many families who cleaned out bookshelves at home and donated their used books through the year. In particular, I'd like to recognize **the Sandwald family** who sent in lots and lots of lovely "gently used" books, tied with yellow ribbon! Please note that at this time we are loaded with used books, so please save your books until next year.

New books are always welcome, and any family who would like to become a “Friend of the Library” may send a donation to the library in care of Mary Ann Overbeck. Twenty dollars will purchase a new book. You may send in cash, check made payable to Our Lady of Good Counsel School (tax deductible!), or a gift card from Barnes & Noble or Borders. You may request the type of book and also choose your own dedication for the bookplate. Or if there is a special book you would like to donate, you may send in a new hardcover book of your own selection.

Books are perfect gifts for so many occasions. Especially at this time of year, you may want to dedicate a gift in honor of your son’s or daughter’s graduation or as an end-of-the-year remembrance to a teacher. Perhaps you’d like to remember a loved one or to celebrate a birthday or other special occasion. Books are lasting gifts and will be enjoyed by many, many children. Thanking you for your kindness and generosity, and wishing a wonderful, relaxing summer to all of our school families!

Happy Reading!

Mary Ann Overbeck