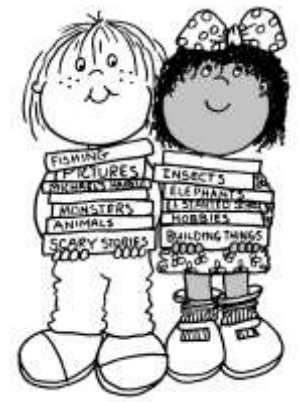


2017 Gift of Reading



To celebrate the holiday season, the Tecumseh District Library is coordinating its traditional "Gift of Reading" project. This endeavor provides the Tecumseh Service Club with new books for children and teens to add to the traditional Christmas baskets of food, clothing, and toys. Our community's generous participation in this project each year is always heartwarming, especially when one realizes that many children have never been given a book to call their very own. During the 2016 holiday season, donations of 296 new books and monetary donations of \$770 were received. The library staff looks forward to another enthusiastic response to this year's "Gift of Reading".

Area residents may participate in two ways:

- Purchase new children's books and/or teen paperbacks from your favorite bookstore and bring the unwrapped books to the library's Circulation Desk between Friday, November 24th, and Monday, December 11th. (Please do not drop them off in the bookdrops.)
- Send a tax-deductible check payable to the "Tecumseh Service Club" to the Tecumseh District Library, 215 North Ottawa Street, in care of "The Gift of Reading" by Monday, December 11th. Designated shoppers from the Service Club will use these donations to buy additional books for the project.

Beginning Thanksgiving weekend, the library staff will add your donated books to the Gift of Reading display near the Information Desk. In mid-December, the books will be delivered to the Tecumseh Service Club, whose volunteers will add the books to the Christmas baskets for distribution throughout the Tecumseh community.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What kinds of books are best?

- **Brand new books with good bindings**
Because these will be treasured Christmas gifts, "hand-me-down" or "gently used" donations will not be accepted!
- **Picture books**
 - Books with large print and vivid illustrations, by such authors and illustrators as Karen Beaumont, Jan Brett, John Butler, Eric Carle, Judy Cox, Doreen Cronin, Tomie De Paola, Lois Ehlert, Denise Fleming, Kevin Henkes, Steven Kellogg, Mercer Mayer, Robert Munsch, Laura Numeroff, Dav Pilkey, Jerry Pinkney, Patricia Polacco, Phyllis Root, Cynthia Rylant, Kathy-jo Wargin, Rosemary Wells, Mo Willems, and Karma Wilson
 - Books about Arthur & D.W., Berenstain Bears, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Curious George, Elephant & Piggie, Fancy Nancy, Fly Guy, Franklin, Froggy, Henry & Mudge, Llama Llama, Pete the Cat, Thomas the Tank Engine, and Very Fairy Princess.
 - Alphabet books
 - Hidden picture series such as *I Spy*, *Look-alikes*, and *Where's Waldo?*
 - Sturdy, colorful board books for toddlers - always needed
- **Juvenile fiction**
 - Books by popular children's authors, such as Beverly Cleary, Andrew Clements, Chris Colfer, Bruce Coville, Kate DiCamillo, Patricia MacLachlan, Jane O'Connor, Dav Pilkey, Johnathon Rand, Janet Tashjian, and Gertrude C. Warner
 - Popular juvenile series such as the American Girls, Ballpark Mysteries, Choose Your Own Adventure, Clementine, Emily Windsnap, Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures, Frankie Pickle, Galaxy Zack, Goddess Girls, Heroes in Training, Humphrey's Adventures, Ivy + Bean, Judy Moody, Land of Stories, Magic Tree House, Owl Diaries, Puppy Place, Ricky Riccata's Mighty Robot, Treasure Hunters, and the "Who Was . . . ?" series
- **Juvenile non-fiction**
 - Books about animals, construction equipment, crafts, fairy tales, folklore, drawing, dinosaurs, LEGOS, nursery rhymes, space, sports, trucks, trains, and the Eyewitness series Any book in the Eyewitness series
 - Poetry collections by Julie Andrews, Caroline Kennedy, Jack Prelutsky and Shel Silverstein
 - Educational activity books, coloring books, pop-up books, lift-the-flap books
- **Tween and Teen fiction**, including the newest titles in popular romance, mystery, adventure, fantasy, and science fiction series by Gayle Forman, Stuart Gibbs, Chris Grabenstein, John Green, Erin Hunter, Pittacus Lore, Mike Lupica, Chris Lynch, Brandon Mull, Garth Nix, Lauren Oliver, R. J. Palacio, James Patterson, Gary Paulsen, Lincoln Pearce, Ransom Riggs, Rick Riordan, Brian Selznick, and Maggie Stiefvator.

Why should the books be donated unwrapped?

The Service Club members will look at each book and sort them into categories by age levels and subject areas. Then they will match the titles to the reading levels and interests of the children whose families are receiving Christmas baskets. Feel free to enclose a bookmark, note or card.

OTHER WAYS TO HELP

- * Help your children earn money towards the purchase of the gift books.
- * Encourage your children to make your family's selections of titles to donate.
- * Encourage your clubs and organizations to participate.
- * Encourage your children's classes to participate.