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NEW AND USED BOOK DRIVE—WATERLOO COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

WATERLOO -- A new and gently used children's book drive for the elementary schools in the Waterloo Community School District is underway. The books will be used in school "book stores" which will be filled with children's books for students to read at home and keep. The purpose of the book stores is to get more books into the hands of students to promote literacy.

The students will be able to purchase books from their school's book store at minimal costs or earn books through good behavior or completing extra reading minutes at home. Students will also have the opportunity to "trade-in" books for another book of their choice. Money raised through the sale of books will be used to buy more books.

Reading research confirms the students who read the most, read the best, achieve the most and stay in school the longest. Easy access to books are prime factors in gains in reading. Children that come from homes with the most books, have the highest reading scores.

New and gently used children's books can be dropped off at the Greenbrier Building Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 3:30 pm. The Greenbrier Building is located at 1554 Oakwood Drive.

Volunteers are needed to help in the school book stores and to listen to children read. Volunteers are asked to make a one hour commitment one time per week at the school of their choice.

Teams of volunteers can be created to cover one time slot at a school to give more people the opportunity to participate with less commitment of time from each individual. There is also a need for Spanish speaking volunteers to listen to children read.

For more information on giving the gift of books or giving the gift of your time to the children in our community contact Julie Ehlers, RSVP Prime Time Volunteer Coordinator at 433-2026 or ehlersj@waterloo.k12.ia.us.

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