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Lansing Rotary Collects Books for Summer Reading

While learning happens all year long, summer is filled with family trips, outdoor activities and usually a break from traditional structured study time. The Lansing Rotary members wanted to do something special for young learners in the region and decided to hold a book drive. Over 350 books were collected from Lansing Rotary members in May and delivered to Ingham Intermediate School District (ISD) for use with students and families.

"The Rotary Club of Lansing is founded on a desire to help the community both locally and internationally. When asked to donate a few books to help local school children have books to continue reading over the summer, Lansing Rotarians went above and beyond with donations of books for all ages and interests," said Rotarian Julie Pingston.

Early learning is essential to a child's success in life. Families that read to their children increase their child's exposure to words and the importance of reading. "Our early childhood team works with families all summer long and will use these books on family home visits with our youngest learners," states Micki O'Neil, Public Relations and Communications Director at Ingham ISD. "Reading is critical to lifelong learning and teaching our children early helps them prepare for school and life. We are grateful to the Lansing Rotary for these books that will have a local impact here in our region," O'Neil added. Ingham ISD provides year-round early childhood support to families in need to help prepare for school entry.

Ingham Intermediate School District supports twelve local school districts and ten public school academies in its service area which reaches into seven counties in mid-Michigan. Local school districts include: Dansville, East Lansing, Haslett, Holt, Lansing, Leslie, Mason, Okemos, Stockbridge, Waverly, Webberville and Williamston. For more information, visit Ingham ISD (www.inghamisd.org).

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