

Final Report/Children's Books/Christmas 2019

Question: How many books found their way into the hands of kids in our 2019 Christmas Basket program? Answer: Nearly 850 titles - beautiful books, mostly brand-new.

This year's collection of top-notch books was the best we have ever amassed, thanks to some generous donations and some astute buying throughout the year by our crack NMK book team.

This is yet another NMK success story. If you do the math, that's an average of three or four super books for each child in the 62 families we served in the program.

Since 2010, we have given nearly 5,500 books to children who probably didn't have too many books to call their own.

This is a commercial: If you have gently used children's books that your kids or grandkids have outgrown, we can use them. Join the many NMK members who have been generous with their kids' books in the past.

To supplement our donations, we constantly seek bargains throughout the year. Kiwanis members haunt Friends of the Library sales in Modesto and Turlock, Scholastic Book sales at the Library and neighborhood schools, Dollar Stores and close-out bargains at Barnes & Noble, among other sources.

We couldn't have gotten the right books to the right kid without a dedicated team of NMK volunteers and friends. Workers who carefully selected and wrapped each set of age-appropriate books for each child were Marie Bairey, Denise Cook, Pat Glatke, Gary Goodman, James and Pam Goss, Janet and Bob Harper, Maree Hawkins, Judy Herrero, Linda Humble, Christine Macfarlane, Marilyn and Bill Michael, Linda Owens, Judy Pierce, Pat Ramsay, Britta Skavdahl and ErneRuth Villa.

Special thanks go to Randy and Denise Cook letting us use their Man Cave on Selection Day and for storing leftover books from year to year.

George

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