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A CLOSER LOOK AT THE WEST BEND SCHOOL
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West Bend West Staff and Students Collect 2,000 Books for Community

After visiting local social service organizations and witnessing first hand the positive difference they are making for residents of the West Bend area, Kristen Becker and Tanya Lohr, teachers at West Bend West, asked themselves how they could help these organizations.

Their answer was to set up monthly service projects for providing various types of assistance. West teachers Kate Colwell, Dani Konstanz, and Sally Heuer joined Lohr and Becker, and members of the group provided weekly tutoring to clients of Family Promise. They also organized a school supply and fresh vegetable drive for the Youth Treatment Center.

Their biggest effort yet has also involved many more West Bend West staff and students. In November, with the assistance of literacy coach Patricia McIntyre, the group led a book drive among students and staff that collected more than 2,000 books that range from baby books to adult fiction and nonfiction.

On Dec. 12, they invited several local organizations to the West Bend West Book GiveAway, where the organizations and their clients chose books they could most use.



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Six local organizations, FRIENDS, Inc., Youth and Family Project, Family Promise, Youth Treatment Center, Casa Guadalupe Education Center, and the Boys and Girls Club, received hundreds of books. For organizations that could not attend, the teachers will deliver books.

"Different books speak to different people. By opening up the event to those who will actually be reading the books, we hope to unite people with the books that mean the most to them," explained Lohr.

