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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE RAISES NEARLY \$26K

The Friends of the Southeast Steuben County Library raised a gross of \$25,870 for the library during their fall book sale in October.

It was a record sale in terms of books donated according to Nancy Doult, book sale committee co-chair. Prior to the sale the Friends had to stop taking donations because they had run out of space. That made for a sale full of variety for shoppers and shop they did.

"Shoppers came from as far away as Las Vegas because of our Web ad," said Doult. Shoppers said they appreciated how organized the books were, and the variety in the children's collection was a highlight, Doult added.

The proceeds of the sale benefit the library. "If it was not for the Friends of the Library, the library would not be able to offer the quality programming that it does," said library Director Pauline Emery. "Friends funding makes the Summer Reading Program, Adult and YA programming available."

The Friends also reach beyond the library by making book donations to local charity groups. "Several boxes of children's books were donated to the local food pantries and the Red Book Shelf Program," said Doult.

"The organization of the sale takes roughly 100 dedicated volunteers and a community of people willing to donate their lightly used books to make our sales attractive and profitable," said Doult.