

# Background on our Children's Book Drive Project

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## CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE PROJECT

A very special thank you to everyone who donated books and/or money to NSARTA's 2010 Children's Book Drive Project. It is your generosity that makes this project so successful. 833 books were donated to children who otherwise might not have a book to call their own. This number will be reported to TRTA so we will be recognized for our participation in this statewide project.

NSARTA began participating in this statewide project in the late 1990's during the presidency of Jane Hurlbut. Maxine Buzek was the first to chair this project for our chapter. Several hundred books were distributed to the Children's Hospitals throughout the city and to The Battered Women's Shelter during Maxine's leadership. Beginning in 2002, Nancy Dooley chaired this project. Books were donated to Ben Franklin Elementary School, The Children's Shelter, SAMMinistries Family Transition Center (coordinated by Ann Fryburger), Boysville, and Miguel Carrillo Elementary School (coordinated by Josie Broekhove and Bernadine Draheim).

Since NSARTA began participating in the Children's Book Project, over 7200 books have been donated. Each has a bookplate identifying it as a gift from TRTA and NSARTA. Some of these books were donated by members, but most were bought from member money donations. These purchases are made at book sales at libraries, book stores, thrift stores, PTA sales, etc. throughout the city. Bargain hunting is definitely a skill of our committee members. A special thanks to the coordinators, Prudy Montgomery, Helen Taulbee, and all who have participated in this project.

At the January meeting we will begin collecting cash and/or new (or very gently used) books for 2011 distribution. Baskets for donations will be at each table and the Registrar's table at each meeting. We look forward to another successful book drive when, once again, we will see the enthusiasm and appreciation of the children who select a book of their very own. Our goal is to deliver over 600 books this spring to Carrillo Elementary School. Again, thanks to all who have been the cause of our successes in the past and continue to be the catalyst of our future endeavors.

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