

# Discovering the joy of reading

◇ Students at Scribner Road Elementary swap books at the school's third annual Book Share Day.

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Niki Standera, a fourth-grader at Scribner Road Elementary School, loves the 1990s TV show "Full House."

That could explain why she chose the book, "Michelle and Friends," which is based on the show, at her school's annual Book Share Day this week. One of her classmates, Alana Harlan, is also a fan of the television show. She also opted for a "Full House"-themed book, "My Best Friend is a Movie Star."

When Niki saw the book that Alana had picked out, she asked if she could borrow the book when Alana finished reading it.

That is exactly the type of behavior Book Share Day coordinator Virginia LeFebvre hopes to instill in young children.

"They learn that books can be recycled, and they discover the joy of giving to others," she said.

Book Share is based on those same principals. Students are asked to bring in their old books to donate, and in return, they get to choose a recycled book to take home.

While some students bring in more than their share of books, some don't bring any. Either way, LeFebvre said, every student gets to pick out a book.

The remaining books are donated to various organizations. Last year, LeFebvre said, the program resulted in 740 books being donated to



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Fourth-graders Sophie Loftus, left, Caleigh Sweeney, Alana Harlan and Hannah Ely pick out used books to take home at Scribner Road Elementary School's Book Share Day on Monday. The remaining books were donated to the Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority's "Books on Buses" program.

Rochester City School No. 9. This year, 589 will be donated to the Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority to be used in their Books on Buses program.

Fourth-grader Chloe Hayes brought in some books that she read when she was young.

"It makes me feel good to give something to someone else," Chole said.

Third-grader Amanda Stern picked out "Monstrous Opus," a book that just happened to be brought in by her friend Alissa Catanzaro.

In exchange, Amanda said she turned in some Barbie and Pokemon books.

"I didn't like those books

because they have more pictures than words in them," Amanda said.

Fourth-grader Alex Vadas picked out the classic tale "Treasure Island" partly because he remembered his older brother did a book report on it.

"I also picked it because I like humor and hobbies," he said.

Many students pick out a book quickly. Those who can't wait to start reading, find a quiet spot in the cafeteria to read while the rest of their classmates find a book they want to take home.

Fourth-grade teacher Janine Seeley said some of the students have a more difficult

time picking out a book than others because they read so much already.

Seeley said her students are required to read a certain amount at home each night. Her class is also reading in class several novels based on the Colonial period.

It's clear from the way the students talk about their favorite books and genres, that they are avid readers.

A few said they preferred realistic fiction, while others were hooked on series books.

Sophia Loftus likes mystery, but she chose a book from the fantasy and folk tale category, because she said, "It's nice to read something different every once in a while."