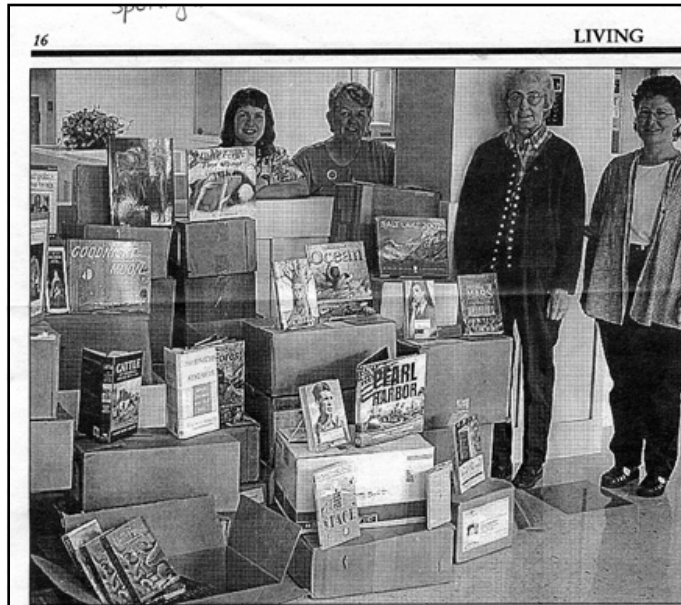


Columbia City, Oregon



Accepting more than 1,000 books from Luanne Kruetzer (far right) and the Rural Library Project of Columbia City library representatives (left to right): Cathy Lundberg, Shirley Mann and Linda Moun...

Columbia City's library receives largest donation of new books

Library receives new, signed books worth \$15,000 to \$20,000

By April R. Phillips
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With 53 boxes of new books surrounding them, the Columbia City Community Library staff expressed joy in the presence of the new books.

The library, a community library, last week received a donation of 1,000 new books from the Northwest Book Association recently.

Luanne Kruetzer, president of the association,

She did not have any part in the decision of the donation, but she was also very happy that Columbia City was chosen to

Friends estimate the donation to be worth \$15,000 to \$20,000.

The donation is the largest the library has received so far, said Cathy Lundberg, Friends of the Columbia City Library president.

Lundberg said, "I'm extremely grateful to the independent booksellers association for allowing us to expand our library with these books."

The PNBA is able to offer the Rural Library Project donations due to the generous support of the Publishing community.

Hitroth, a volunteer with the association who coordinates the donations.

Lundberg told Hitroth in e-

the population it serves, how the library operates, its special programs, and more.

Hitroth informed Lundberg that the library had been chosen to receive the books and how she could pick them up directly after

Lundberg told the association she would pick up two vehicles worth of books.

The books—some signed by the authors—were received by the library staff and office association.

Friends of the library said she thought the donation was an important part of the community.

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