

Roy School students receive gift of literature

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Every student at Roy School, 533 N. Roy in Northlake, received six books Monday courtesy of the organization Bernie's Book Bank.

Bernie's Book Bank's mission is to collect and redistribute new and gently used children's books to increase book ownership among at-risk infants, toddlers and school-aged children living throughout Chicago, according to the organization's website.

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Bernie's Book Bank Executive Director Brian Floriani of Lake Forest gives out an autograph requested by Roy School second grade student Alyessa Johansen, 7, of Franklin Park. The Bernie Book Bank collects and redistributes gently used and new children's books throughout the Chicago area to increase book ownership.

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In addition to receiving the books Monday, the Roy School students heard a presentation by professional storyteller Tom Clark of Kenosha, Wis. Clark is a board member with Bernie's Book Bank.

There will be another book distribution coming to Roy later this year, meaning every student will receive a total of 12 books.

More on Bernie's Book Bank can be found at www.berniesbookbank.org.

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Grade school students at Roy School in Northlake watch as Bernie's Book Bank Executive Director Brian Floriani of Lake Forest, left, and Bernie's board member and storyteller Tom Clark of Kenosha, Wis., prepare books Monday to be presented to a classroom. | Michelle LaVigne-Sun-Times Media

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Bernie's Book Bank Executive Director Brian Floriani of Lake Forest, right, and Bernie's board member and storyteller Tom Clark of Kenosha, Wis. deliver books Monday to each Roy School classroom in Northlake. After a storytelling presentation by Clark, every student at Roy received six books.
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Bernie's Book Bank board member and storyteller Tom Clark of Kenosha, Wis., waves good bye Monday to a classroom of third graders at Roy School in Northlake after delivering books to them. After a storytelling presentation given to Roy School by Clark, every student at Roy received six books. | Michelle LaVigne~Sun-Times Media

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