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## Erie Gives Nets \$4,409.11!

Hooked on Books for Kids is proud to report that 77 generous donors donated \$4,093 on Erie Gives Day, an amount that grew to \$4,409.11 with the pro-rated matching funds (4.48%) provided by the Erie Community Foundation and nine corporate sponsors.

This amount is the largest we have ever received via Erie Gives Day, exceeding last year's amount of \$3,886.25 (including matching funds).

Presentation of the checks, along with a short program celebrating the success of the event, was at the Erie Zoo the morning of August 14.

We at Hooked on Books for Kids are grateful to our donors and humbled by their generosity, not only for their financial support, but equally for the way their contributions confirm the value of our mission and programs.

Erie Gives Day is now an established tradition, and each year it grows, with larger amounts being donated and increasing numbers of donors rallying to the needs of Erie's non-profits.

This year a total of 374 nonprofits received \$4,427,877 from 7,685 donors. The companies contributing to the matching funds included GE Transportation, Erie Insurance, Presque Isle Downs and Casino, Northwest Bank, E. E. Austin & Son, ERIEBANK, Frontier General Contracting, Little Caesars, and McInnes Rolled Rings.

Unfortunately, there isn't space in our newsletter to acknowledge all 77 donors, but they have been thanked via email, and we will include them on our mailing list.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS!  
MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF ERIE  
COUNTY WHO RECEIVE OUR BOOKS THANK YOU!**



Dean Baldwin receives \$4,409.11 check

## Mad Mex Event; Reading Resumes at Schools

On Tuesday, September 12, 46 guests gathered at the Mad Mex Restaurant in the Millcreek Mall to celebrate the work of Hooked on Books for Kids, enjoy delicious Mexican food, and of course raise money for our cause.

In addition to enjoying the good food and drink, guests bid on 10 baskets Chinese auction style. Thanks to board members Sheila Baldwin, Kara Coleman, Jack Daneri, Belle Koncewicz, Helicia Sonney, Linda Smalley, and Patty Puline for providing baskets.

Our thanks to everyone, especially Jeremy, Becky, and the staff at Mad Mex for helping us raise over \$1,700!

### Reading to Begin at Edison and Lincoln

Beginning in October Hooked on Books for Kids volunteers will again read monthly to students in two of Erie's schools. With the closing of Wayne, we have moved to Edison, and we are again cooperating with the Kiwanis Club of Erie to provide books and reading volunteers at Lincoln.

Special thanks are due to Kiwanians for their donation of over \$3,000 to purchase books for Lincoln and to the volunteers who will read every month at these schools.

Students in grades K through 5 will receive a new book each month, and parents who attend will learn the value of reading. To volunteer, call Belle Koncewicz at 835-7790.



Some of our guests at Mad Mex

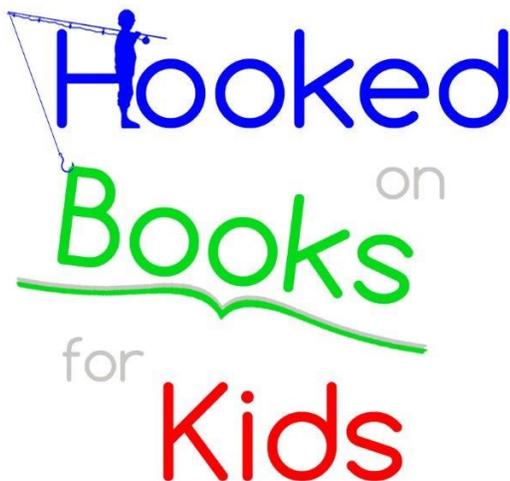
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## Hair Cut Day and Jump Back To School

Hooked on Books for Kids participated in two important events, the annual WQLN "Jump Back to School" event at Behrend College on August 8 and Michael Hooks' yearly "Haircut Day" at Pfeiffer-Burleigh School on August 13.

At the "Jump" event, board member Linda Smalley distributed some 800 books to kids who attended, and participating board members and students from Gannon University coordinated by Sarah Ewing gave away another 800 books. The students were great!

We distribute books at these events to encourage students and parents to begin the school year with books that will encourage reading and promote success in school and life.



**Five of the Gannon Students who helped at Haircut Day.**

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### **Check Your Mailing Label**

Unlike many organizations, we do not ask again and again once you have donated.

Our only reminder is via the mailing label on our quarterly newsletters.

If you look above your name, you will see an expiration date—that is, the date after which we ask you to renew your annual contribution. If you contribute more than once in a year, that date will be changed each time you renew.

### **See Us on Facebook and the Web**

Newsletters are just one of our ways to tell you about our activities and accomplishments.

To keep abreast of our current events, visit our Facebook page.

For information about our goals, mission, and programs, and to obtain an application for books, visit our web page. Both addresses are on p. 4. of this newsletter.

**And thanks for your Support!**

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