

Gathering gently used books for community kids

Boxes and boxes of books are beginning to pile up at the Port of Benton. New and gently used children's books are being collected during the fourth Thanks-4-Giving Book Harvest.

The books donated between now and Nov. 30 will support literacy programs for youngsters in the community. In December and January, the collected books will be counted and sorted before being distributed to hospitals, day-care centers and schools in the area.

There are more than 40 different collection boxes for books on the Hanford Site. The boxes can be found at Battelle, CH2M HILL Hanford Group, the Federal Building, Fluor Hanford and Fluor Federal Services, Hanford Environmental Health Foundation, HAMMER and various locations north of the Wye Barricade.

The cooperative effort is a partnership of the Department of Energy, Fluor Hanford and other organizations including The Volunteer Center, The Reading Foundation and the Washington Reading Corps.

Cash donations are also being accepted at HAPO Community Credit Union locations. The Reading Foundation can buy a book for each dollar that is donated. ♦



Calvin Dudney of Fluor Hanford helps unload books from Chief Joseph Middle School in Richland. The school was the kickoff site for this year's Thanks-4-giving Book Harvest.