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To all of the Hellertown Lower Saucon Community for their huge volunteering to make the Second Annual HAL Book Sale another big success.

Yes, it takes a village, the combined community of Hellertown and Lower Saucon to make this book sale a success. There were at least 60 plus volunteers that offered their skills and expertise to move and stage over 6,000 books for the sale.

The library staff and its volunteers collected all these books. They were in charge of making sure the community knew about the book collecting and then they delegated moving them to the storage place. Great job!

And then we had the dedication of 8 volunteers who meet three times a week since April and they sorted, sorted and then resorted. And a big thanks to the GIANT for all the boxes they gave us. Advertising signs provided by The American Legion and Christ Lutheran Church helped spread the word about the sale. And a big shout out to those who passed out flyers and posted on social media.

Time to move the books. How could we have done this without the help of the trucks from Alan Kunsman Roofing, Brader Lawn Care and Friends of the Library. They arrived at 6 AM to move the books back up to the Library and put them under the tents. The tents were put up Friday and were lent to us by Dave Heintzelman Funeral Home, Hellertown Historical Society and Saucon Valley Farmers Market and 7 individuals who lent 23 other tents. We definitely needed the muscle power behind Kevin Branco's Main Street Gym and Dano Guerrieri Valley Wide Movers. We can't forget the 60 tables that were on loan from so many community members. Now that's community spirit. Ken Bloss, thanks for the storage space and being our go-to man.

The day of the book sale welcomed hundreds of eager book buyers. They were greeted by the incentive to purchase a Hellertown Library book bag and fill it up. So many people took advantage of this bargain....and they got books and a great bag in the deal. Thanks to LCBC Church for the book bag donations.

Again, many volunteers to make the day successful helping customers finding the right books. The kids loved the children's section. Our cashier volunteers were so very helpful. And Alice, thanks for counting. Bob and Barb Pasternak refreshed us as we shopped ... the hot dogs smelled great as they were cooking.

Day is over-now what? We were so appreciative of the volunteers from Lower Saucon Fire Companies who came and 'rescued' the unsold books. There's another chance to buy more books as they will be having their book sale in August. Watch for their announcements. We also were incredibly thankful that we could help "Little Libraries", an Allentown group, who collected our remaining children's books for the neighborhoods for children who don't even have access to a library.

And now we are incredibly grateful for JoEllen Thomson's vision to do this book sale and her incredible organization skills. If you had a question, JoEllen knew the answer. Janie Hecker was her co-chair in this endeavor and we are grateful for both their passions and expertise.

Yes it took a Village-the Hellertown Lower Saucon Community came together Saturday June 1, 2024 and sold lots of books to benefit the Hellertown Library.

Great Day.....see you again next year. Thank you Community!

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