

Woman's Club of Lacey, Inc.

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Our club has always dedicated time and resources to Education and Libraries. Every year since this officer joined the club in 2020 we have awarded scholarships to graduating high school students and sent at least one young lady to GCI.

Those are not our only endeavors however. A fairly new member, a retired 3rd grade teacher is a huge advocate of making books available to all children. When she shared her desire to become involved with Bridges of Books Foundation, where "books are distributed to underserved kids", I am sure she had little idea as to what extent her mission would be accomplished. This organization puts books into the hands of children at community outreach events and in schools in underserved areas throughout the state. With her committee of five, she has collected and sorted over 1600 new and gently used books delivering them to a site in Rumson twice this year.

Debbie has also organized members to read in our elementary schools for **Read Across America**. Although due to Covid our members were not allowed into the schools, she had an alternate idea. The three elementary schools participated in a poster contest " My Favorite Book" . Finalists' posters were on display at our general meeting in April and members voted for the top three from each school. Winners were awarded what? Or course a beautiful new book!

We also have a monthly book club where members check out the selected book from the local library for a lively discussion as they munch on donated goodies.

Finally, our club sponsored a visit from a local author, R.E.Negra, who shared the story of his 101 year old mother who during WWII used a short-wave radio to tap into Berlin and learn the identification of POW's and inform the families. This book **Waves of Hope** inspired us all with its theme, "one person can make a difference". Incidentally, Agnes Negra lived right here in Lacey until she passed several months ago.