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Western Harnett High School's Library At Large Club Holds Inaugural Teen-Book Drive for Hospitalized Teens

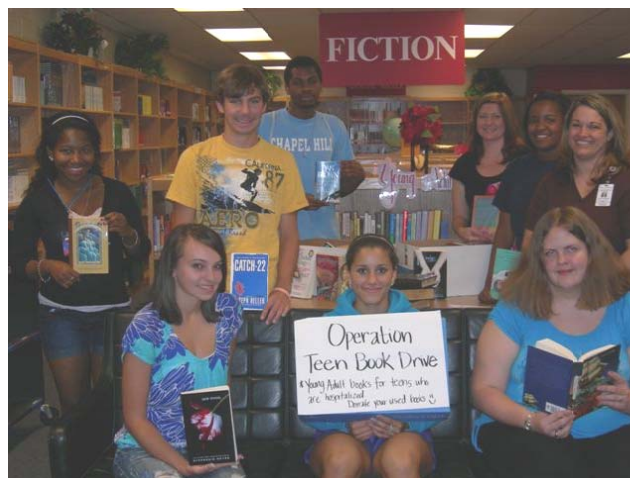
Dunn, N.C. (June 16, 2011) Western Harnett High School's Library at Large Club recently held their First Teen Book Drive, in honor of "Teen Literature Day." The books received from the drive were donated to hospitalized teens at Harnett Health Betsy Johnson Hospital (HHBJH).

During the week-long drive, club members collected books during school lunch times and at a drop-off site in the library. New and gently used books which included various titles as *Chicken Noodle Soup for the Teenage Soul*, *Twilight* series, *Harry Potter* series and classics such as *Moby Dick* and *Catch 22* were accumulated.

"Our Library At Large Club members wanted to choose a project that would benefit young adults in the community and encourage them to read," said Tracy M. Gaines, teacher-Librarian for Western Harnett High School. "The Book Drive was definitely a success. I am so proud of our students for collaborating with our regional health system to contribute books to students their own age who are ill and hospitalized."

Natalie Edwards, Harnett Health manager for Organizational Development said, "We are so pleased to be chosen as their partner for the Teen Book Drive. Education is the key component to every teen's future, and this has been a wonderful opportunity seeing these students reaching out to assist others of their own age."

Photo: Front Row left to right: Brittany Riggs, Taylor Williams, Micheala McNeill Behind Back Row left to right: Anatassia Johnson, Nathan Carnes, Quantarius Colon, Tracy Gaines (Teacher-Librarian), Brandi, Richardson, Natalie Edwards (Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital's Developing Coordinator)



About Western Harnett High School

Harnett High community is readily accessible to Fayetteville and Sanford in surrounding counties via NC Hwy 87. The school is located eleven miles from Lillington, the county seat. WHHS has an enrollment of approximately 1182 in grades 9 through 12 and a total of 77 teachers. WHHS is accredited by the State Department of Public Instruction and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

About Harnett Health

Harnett Health System is a private, not-for-profit health care organization based in Dunn, N.C. The system encompasses a network of health care facilities throughout Harnett and Johnston Counties, including a 101-bed full-service hospital in Dunn, out-patient rehab/wellness center in Benson, a family medicine practice in Angier, family medicine, OB/GYN, and pediatrics in Lillington, and pediatric and , OB/GYN practices and internal medicine practices in Dunn. Serving patients since 1940, the hospital has over 100 affiliated physicians and over 750 employees. For more information, visit our website at

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