

MAYOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION

Lending libraries pop up throughout county

CLINTON — The Mayor's Youth Commission recently partnered with the United Way of Clinton County to promote the Drop Everything and Read event by placing Lending Libraries at a variety of United Way organizations throughout the county.

In their effort to promote literacy within Clinton County, the United Way is sponsoring a week of events, April 6 through 12, which encourage people to literally drop what they are doing and read. Reading skills play an important role in a person's ability to successfully graduate from high school, apply for a job, or fill out a health form. By providing activities throughout the week, individuals and families can find ways to read alone or in a group setting.

The lending libraries were built by the Clinton High School building trades students, under the direction of Brian Johnson. Volunteers at the Sawmill Museum also assisted with the woodworking. The Clinton Rotary Club has been holding a book drive this month, while Shannon Sander-Welzien has been collecting the donated books at the YWCA. The Mayor's Youth Commission then delivered the libraries and books to organizations in the county.

The idea of the lending libraries is to "take a book, leave a book." The books are for all ages and are free.

If you have finished a book that you think others would enjoy, leave it in one of the libraries and take a new one. The lending libraries can be found at Big Brothers Big Sisters, First Congregational Church, New Directions, Kids First Academy, Women's Health Services, Community Health Clinic, the WIC office, Benevolent Society, DeWitt Referral Center, Discovery Center, the Curtis Mansion, the YWCA, Mercy Medical Center, and this summer at the Clinton pool.



Riley Hubbart and Ian Howes, members of the Mayor's Youth Commission, help to distribute United Way lending libraries.

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