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**Anyone interested in making a donation of gently used children books, or a financial donation, can still do so through Aug. 3.**

**Books from 1A**

and pulling children's books that have not been checked out in the last five years and will be donating them for the cause.

"We were blown away by the generosity and kindness in this community," said McCormick-Graham.

"We completely sold out of the 125 pounds of blueberries we originally picked, then took orders for more," McCormick-Graham said. "We picked and delivered another 100 pounds on Sunday. So many people gave big, incredibly generous donations both in person and online so that we can purchase brand new books from

First Book.

All told, the event raised \$6,240 as of Tuesday, with some donations still coming in.

"We will be able to buy so many books with those donations for kids to be able to have their own little home libraries," said McCormick-Graham. "Thank you does not seem adequate, but it is heartfelt to everyone who helped make our fundraiser and book collection such a big success."

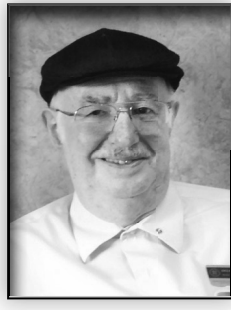
When the online fundraiser campaign

is complete, McCormick-Graham plans to order books for area students who have registered.

Anyone interested can still donate directly to the fundraiser online campaign through First Book until Aug. 3 at <https://support.firstbook.org/fundraiser/2822189>.

For more information or to donate gently used children's books, email McCormick-Graham at [sgraham@siuslaw.k12.or.us](mailto:sgraham@siuslaw.k12.or.us).

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