

NCJW/Cleveland Re-Stocks and Re-Opens Warner Girls Leadership Academy's Library with a "Page Turning" to "Next Chapter"

First school to benefit from NCJW's Building Bridges with Books Initiative

NCJW/Cleveland's Partners in Literacy programs have been very successful in increasing student literacy, love of reading and appreciation of books. But it became apparent to NCJW volunteers that some of these schools were in need of books, so Building Bridges with Books was born.

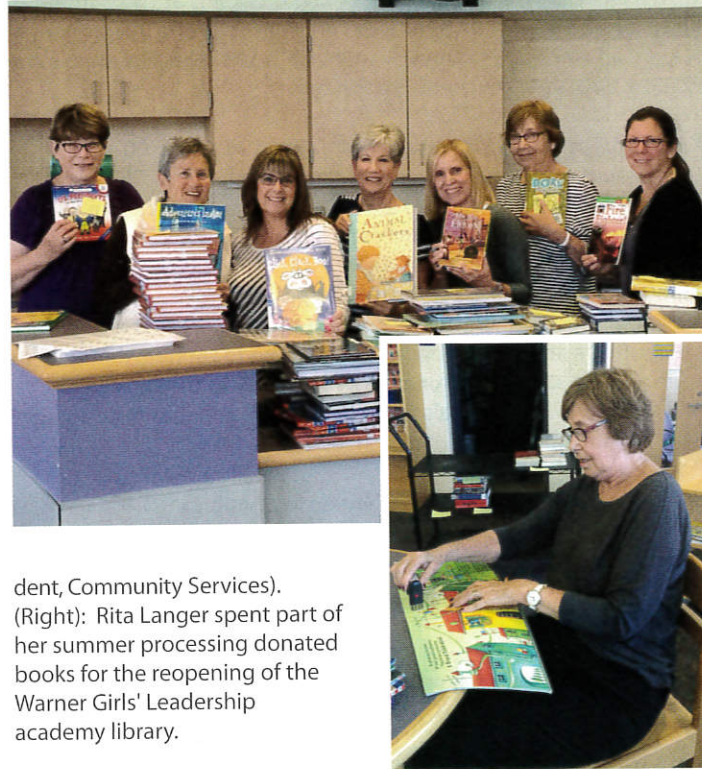
Building Bridges with Books is a project to process, stock and shelve books for Cleveland Public Schools in need of assistance to make their libraries of greatest use to students and teachers. It is the fifth project in NCJW's Partners in Literacy initiative.

On August 14, NCJW celebrated its first endeavor with a page-turning ceremony, an alternative to a ribbon cutting, at the Warner School library. To preview the facility, about 400 students, teachers and families were in attendance.

Warner was selected as the pilot library to re-stock because of the welcoming and open attitude of administration and the beautiful library facility already in place. To date, NCJW volunteers donated more than 1,000 new and gently-used books and spent more than 310 hours processing, cataloging and shelving books.

Books for school-age children are welcome! If you would like to donate new or gently-used books, please drop them off at the NCJW office at 26055 Emery Road, Warrensville Heights, Ohio 44128. For more information, call 216.378.2204.

Pictured from left: Betty Kohn, Rory Margulies, Ellen Pollack, Linda Barnett (NCJW president) Ellen Leavitt (Building Bridges with Books chair, retired librarian), Rita Langer, and Debbie Joseph (NCJW vice presi-



dent, Community Services). (Right): Rita Langer spent part of her summer processing donated books for the reopening of the Warner Girls' Leadership academy library.