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JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS READ TO YWCA CHILDCARE PRE-SCHOOLERS

One of the joys of childhood is being read to. The girls in Junior Girl Scout Troop 365 are well aware of this and recently came in to read to the children in the YWCA preschool childcare program for 4 and 5-year-olds. YW Assistant Director and Kinder-Ready Teacher Pat Kalish said, "The girl scouts were wonderful because it gave the children a one-on-one relationship with an older child which they loved." Pat said she would welcome the girls back anytime.

The reading followed on from a book drive the troop organized at the end of last year for the YWCA childcare program and children's waiting room library in the sexual assault counseling center. The girls went about it very methodically with posters and personal solicitations, collecting well over 1,000 new and used picture storybooks.

Troop 365 is made up of 13 4th-6th grade girls from Penn Manor and meets at Hambright Elementary School. Troop leader Mary Linger said they get involved in a number of community projects from raking leaves at the school and helping out at Milagro House to washing Rangers vehicles and stuffing goodie bags for the YWCA Race Against Racism. Mary says the girls really enjoy everything they get involved in. She says it makes them feel good about themselves and that they're part of something bigger.

Photo captions:



A group of preschoolers in the YWCA childcare program had an entertaining time being read to by members of Junior Girl Scout troop 365.



5-year-old Gus Sowers chooses a book for Junior Girl Scout Amber Hankle to read.



5-year-old Jada Hissner hears about Three Billy Goats Gruff from Junior Girl Scout Bridget Glessner.

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