

More than 2,800 books donated

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DURHAM -- Barnes and Noble Streets at Southpoint customers purchased more than 2,800 new books for disadvantaged Durham children in the 2010 Barnes and Noble Book Drive that ran from Nov. 1-Dec. 31.

The event was held in conjunction with Durham's Partnership for Children, a Smart Start Initiative, that works with local community agencies and nonprofits that serve young children and their families. Over the eight week book drive, the Partnership distributed many of the books to more than 18 community agencies serving children in home visiting programs, social services, medical facilities, and a variety of family support and family literacy programs.

In addition to distributing books through Durham's early childhood system, the Partnership worked with other organizations, such as the Durham County Guardian ad Litem Program, Urban Ministries, and the Durham Literacy Center to distribute books to older children.