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## Thousands of book donations benefit many causes over 2017

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From left: Kathy Coleman, Mary McCosker, Sue Nurock and Robin Holt pack over 300 books for donation. Photo provided

Catholic priest.

The bookshop, tucked away beneath the Lafayette Library and Learning Center, which primarily supports the library, continues its long-standing tradition of outreach.

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A small but hard-working group of four volunteers from the Friends Corner Book Shop spent a recent Saturday packing over 300 books into six cartons to ship to the St. Joseph's Indian School in South Dakota.

Although this is certainly in the spirit of the season, this is not a once-a-year effort by any means.

The Friends Corner Book shop has given very generously all year sending thousands of books to schools affected by the hurricanes in Texas, a shelter in Napa, a school in Sonoma, the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center, a free clinic in San Francisco, schools in Richmond, jail libraries in Contra Costa County, Foster Home Services and the Veteran's Hospital in Livermore.

Longtime Friends of the Library volunteer Robin Holt said that she received a solicitation packet in the mail from the school in South Dakota. "I read the enclosed letter which said some of the funds they raise go to buying reading books for the school children. I called the school, and they said they would be most appreciative of books for kindergarten through 12th grade."

St. Joseph's Indian School is a boarding school for Lakota (Sioux) students, founded in 1927 by a Roman