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## **“BOOK BUNDLES” DELIVERED TO SCHOOL 16 TO PROMOTE YOUTH LITERACY**

*Ridgewood bookstore and local community organizations donate about 1,000 books to children in grades K-6*

\*\*\*Photos attached: see end of the release for captions.\*\*\*

PATERSON – Students at Public School No. 16 received a donation of about 1,000 books that was made possible by local community organizations and Pat and Walter Boyer, the owners of the Bookends Bookstore in Ridgewood.

The books were delivered in 254 “Book Bundles” each containing four books and given to students in kindergarten through the sixth grade as a way to encourage them to read for pleasure.

“We greatly appreciate this donation that puts books in the hands of our students and helps instill a love of reading in their minds,” said Paterson Superintendent of Schools Eileen Shafer. “I want to thank Paterson Reads, the Paterson Education Fund, the Paterson Alliance, the Paterson Children’s Foundation, and Bookends Bookstore for making this donation possible for the benefit of our students.”

“When we hand the books to parents and children, the joy on their faces is palpable,” said Rosie Grant, Executive Director of the Paterson Education Fund, which is the parent organization of Paterson Read. “We’re so thankful to Bookends and to all the people who bought books for our children. This helps us in our Paterson Reads goal to foster independent reading.”

“We are grateful to those in our community who have purchased books that will be given to our children for their own personal libraries,” said Inge Spungen, Executive Director of the Paterson Alliance. “There is no better way to encourage a love of reading than to put books into the hands and hearts of children.”

“As Co-Owners of Bookends in neighboring Ridgewood for the past 20 years, we are always looking for initiatives that support local programs,” said Pat and Walter Boyer. “This year’s Paterson Book Bundle program was the best ever and we look forward to continuing this important event. Reading is so essential to every child’s life as it opens the doors to avenues and experiences that can be realized.”

Photo 1: Superintendent Shafer, left, and Rosie Grant hand out Book Bundles to School 16 students.

Photo 2: Walter and Pat Boyer, owners of the Bookends bookstore, speak to students, parents, and staff at School 16.

Photo 3: School 16 students with their Book Bundles and School 16 staff, Superintendent Shafer, Principal Correa-Tavarez, Walter and Pat Boyer, and Inge Spungen, Executive Director of the Paterson Alliance.