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Students from the classes of Randi Charboneau and Grace McMahan, along with Sherry Ruyle, kindergarten reading lab assistant, Melissa Nail, reading lab teacher and Janet Dotson, principal of Ellington, look over some of the new books donated to the school district.

## WPS gets special delivery

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### By the numbers

**2,000:** The number of books donated by author Bruce Larkin to Wagoner Public Schools for students in kindergarten to second grade.

**2,000-3,000:** The number of books Larkin said he plans on donating to the school district in 2011 for National Reading Day.

Anyone who doesn't think giving someone a book is a good gift should speak to employees of Wagoner Public Schools.

Recently, the school district received 2,000 books from Bruce Larkin, a children's author, and his company, Wilbooks.

"We're overwhelmed with the donation," Janet Dotson, principal of Ellington Elementary School said. "It comes at a time when we're watching every dollar being spent."

She said some teachers were so excited they danced when they saw the books.

"If you want to get a teacher excited, bring books," Dotson remarked. "It was like Christmas here in the reading lab."

She said the books fit hand and hand with the school's curriculum.

"It's nice the books were well received," Lar-

kin said. "I'm glad I was able to help out."

Glen Jensen, a stand-up comedian and actor who lives in Philadelphia, grew up in Wagoner.

He is friends with Larkin, who has written over 700 books, has donated over 400,000 books to schools. He suggested Larkin make a donation to Wagoner and he did.

And it doesn't stop with the recent delivery.

Larkin said he intends to donate another 2,000-3,000 of his books to the school for National Reading Day for Jan. 24, 2011.

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# Sewell is awarded \$2,000 scholarship

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Emily Sewell of the Wagoner FFA Chapter was recently recognized as a 2010 Oklahoma Youth Expo Scholarship Recipient during the Oklahoma Youth Expo Scholarship Presentation Ceremony held March 21 at State Fair Park, where she was awarded with a \$2,000 scholarship sponsored by McDonald's of Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma Youth Expo Scholarship Program is designed to honor outstanding high school seniors involved in agriculture and the junior livestock industry.

The Program saw over 150 outstanding applicants from across the state vie for one of the only 44 scholarships offered.

The Oklahoma Youth Expo, with support from its various sponsors, has had the opportunity to provide educational assistance to numerous agricultural students across the state. The recipients of these scholarships are being honored for their extraordinary efforts in their schools, their communities and their participation in the junior livestock program.


For more information about the Oklahoma Youth Expo, please visit their Web site at [www.okyouthexpo.com](http://www.okyouthexpo.com).

## Free vision screenings at Okay school

Prevent Blindness Oklahoma, a non-profit agency in partnership with the Oklahoma Masons will provide a free vision screen at Okay Junior High-High

School on Monday, April 12.

For more information, contact Becky Cunningham at (405) 848-7123 or check online at [www.preventblindnessok.org](http://www.preventblindnessok.org).



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