

## Books for Summer Reading Programs

Children in both the Newport and Greenwood areas were encouraged to read this past summer and received a free book of their through a service project of Perry Valley Grange. The book give-away was coordinated with established summer programs at the Greenwood Elementary School and at the Newport Public Library.

This was the Grange's eighth consecutive year for involvement with the Greenwood program and the seventh year at the Newport Library. Since the inception of the program, the Grange had budgeted \$500 for the purchase of books and this designated the proceeds of a June public chicken & ribs dinner to fund the project. This year, thanks to a partnership with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans #31063, the Grange's amount was matched so that twice as many books could be purchased.

Paperback books are distributed in the Greenwood School District to classrooms of children so they can continue reading over the summer. The Newport Library used the books purchased by the Grange as a reward for those children who participated in and completed their summer reading activity packets. A nameplate noting that the book was donated by Perry Valley Grange was placed in the front of each of the approximately 300 books purchased.



**These Greenwood School District students were among several hundred who received books for summer reading just before classes ended for the year.**