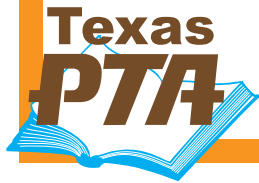


# Flour Bluff Junior High School PTA's creative SMART Book Trade



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*Flour Bluff Junior High PTA collected more than 200 books for their first SMART book swap. Books were collected in bins decorated by students in the art department.*

We had an amazing time Monday, May 11 at Flour Bluff Junior High School when we held our first SMART book trade. Since Flour Bluff is in a Chapter 1 district, instead of collecting books for donation, we collected books to be given back to our students.

The art department decorated donated plastic bins to collect the books in. The students in the art department were simply told to decorate the bins for our book drive -- the creation was all theirs. The FBJH students were then asked to donate gently used books. We collected books for about two months and then asked all students to come in on May 11 to pick up a free book to add to their summer reading.

We had about 210 books donated. Our local Barnes and Nobel donated a tote filled with

books to be given as a door prize, and our local Half Price Books donated tumbler cups, balloons, stickers, pencils and bookmarks to be given to the students as well. A PTA parent donated water and cookies, all of which created a festive environment for our book trade. This was a great event for our students, and PTA is considering doing it again next year!

