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Lighthouse Rehabilitative Services donates braille books to Tyler library

TYLER, Texas – In celebration of *Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week*, June 27 - July 3, East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind Rehabilitative Services division is donating 35 braille children's books to the Tyler Public Library. The books are for age ranges 2–12. Many of the books are illustrated so children with vision can use them as well. These books enable a blind parent or grandparent to read to their child or grandchild. The public can find them in the reference section of the library.

“We are thrilled to provide the library with so many books. Now children who are blind or have vision disabilities will have a great selection to choose from,” Ann Bush, director of rehabilitative services said.

Rehabilitative Services will also have a display in the library about Helen Keller with information about her life and the contributions she made to society. Established by Congressional resolutions and Presidential signature in 1985, Helen Keller Week recognizes the lives and accomplishments of people who are deaf-blind.

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“We appreciate this generous donation from The Lighthouse and hope that those who are learning braille throughout the greater Tyler area will take advantage of these new resources,” Chris Albertson, Tyler city librarian, said.

Serving 46 counties in East Texas, The Lighthouse is a 501©3 non-profit organization located in Tyler. The three operating divisions: Horizon Industries, Lighthouse Graphics and East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind Rehabilitative Services collectively employ 69 blind and visually impaired people. Programs offered at Rehabilitative Services include employment, orientation & mobility training, adaptive equipment, independent living training, advocacy, braille classes and computer training. For more information visit www.etlb.org or call Ann Bush, director of rehabilitative services, at 903.593.3111 or toll free at 1.888.565.etlb.

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