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Photo: East Senior Throws Book Drive to Help a Central Islip School

The drive brought in more than 750 books



Left to right): O'Neil Elementary School reading coach Kathi Gallagher, Principal Kristine LoCascio and Alexandra Tsivitis. Credit Smithtown Central School District

To help the kids at Central Islip's Francis J. O'Neil Elementary School, a Smithtown High School East senior put together a book drive, resulting in the accumulation of more than 750 books. Alexandra Tsvitis organized the drive because of the district's recent budget cuts and local libraries that currently have no funds available to purchase more books.