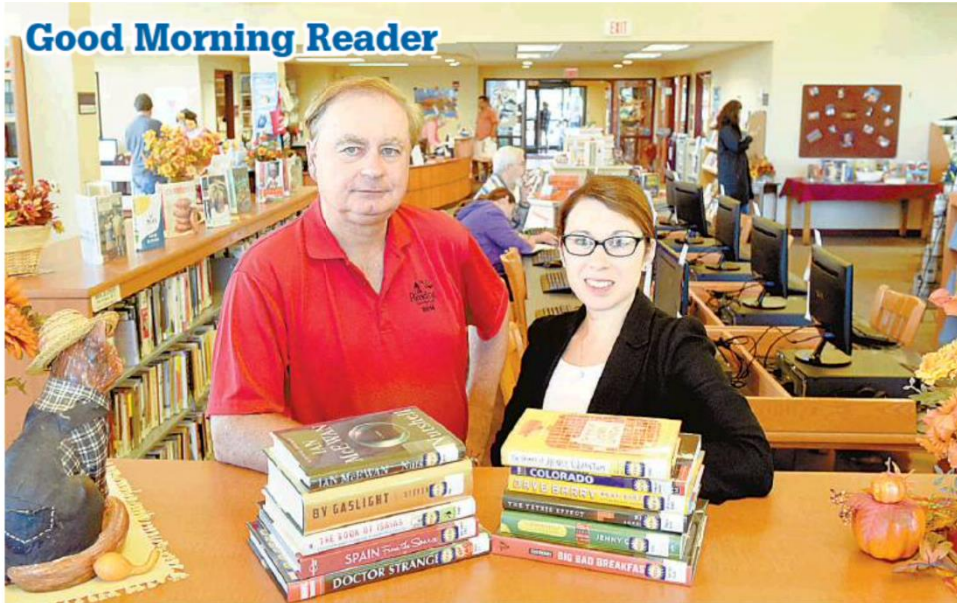


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Tom Walker, chairman of the Reading Country Club membership advisory committee, and Mallory C. Hoffman, executive director of the Exeter Community Library, with books purchased with the money donated by the country club.

Golfers in Exeter score hole-in-one with donations

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In six years of fundraising, Reading Country Club golfers have donated more than \$56,000 to the Exeter Community Library and other local organizations.

"We just want to give back," said Tom Morgan, director of golf at the Exeter Township-owned club.

This year, the club delivered its biggest check to the library so far, raising nearly \$2,000 from sponsors, golfers and tournaments. The money was used to buy 120 books. The fundraising initiative is spearheaded by the club's membership advisory committee,

Morgan said.

Tom Walker, chairman of the committee, said it's important to support the library because it's a pillar of the community used by many people.

"To me, that's just something that you do," Walker said, noting that many golfers at the club feel the same way. "You help out, you support your community and make it better."

Mallory Hoffman, executive director of the library, said she really appreciates the club's donations.

"It's fantastic," Hoffman said. "Any donation, big or small, that comes to us is great, but knowing that they continue to do it, it's really, really great."

Hoffman said donations are a big

help for the library to continue its programs and buy new materials.

"Without the support of donations and things like that, we wouldn't be here," she said.

Morgan said the club is proud to support organizations in its community, and the total amount raised continues to grow each year.

In 2010, the club donated \$1,000 to the library. This year, it donated \$14,096 to six entities.

"It's a tremendous feeling," Morgan said. "These people (golfers) really feel strongly about it, which is why it continues to grow."

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