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Young Marines donate books

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On a recent Saturday morning 50 members of The Temecula Valley Young Marines presented representatives of the Friends of the Temecula Library with approximately 2,500 books that the group collected to donate to the Friends Bookstore, which will be a part of the new Temecula Public Library. The new library is nearing completion and will open this fall on Pauba Road in Temecula. Proceeds generated from the sale of gently used books in the new bookstore, as with the existing bookstore at the Temecula Library on County Center Drive, help supplement the library's budget and provide extra services, materials, programs and enhancements. The success of the bookstore, from the beginning, has been due to generous donations of books from the community and the work of dedicated volunteers.

Formed in 2002, the mission of the Temecula Valley Young Marines is "To positively impact America's future by providing quality youth development programs for boys and girls that nurture and develop its members into responsible citizens who enjoy and promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle."

Led by Commanding Officer Michael Guiles, a Marine for 15 years, the Temecula Valley Young Marines are a Distinguished Unit. Their recruit training is nine weeks long, with the recruits meeting every Saturday and Sunday until graduation. The recruits receive 148 hours of instruction in American history, Marine Corps history, Marine Corps customs and courtesies, flag etiquette, self etiquette, land navigation, rope management, nutrition, physical training, self discipline, drug demand reduction, first aid and more. Upon graduation the recruits join the ranks of the Young Marines.

From the list of past and current projects listed on their Web site, www.tvym.us, it is no wonder that the donation to the new library bookstore was so successful. They are experienced and well-trained volunteers whose hard work and community spirit have made a difference in the community.



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The Young Marines collected and donated 2,500 books to the new library in Temecula.

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