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## New York State Senator Steve Rhoads Collects 5,582 Books During Successful Book Drive

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New York State Senator Steve Rhoads recently achieved a remarkable milestone in his mission to take an active role in promoting literacy and education on Long Island by collecting an impressive 5,582 books during a week-long book drive across various libraries in his Senate District. This initiative was executed in collaboration with Book Fairies, a dedicated organization committed to redistributing books to under-resourced communities. Recognizing the importance of access to reading materials, Senator Rhoads aimed to not

only enhance childhood education but also foster a lifelong love of learning among children, particularly those who may not have the means to obtain books on their own.

The resounding success of this book drive was made possible through the generous contributions of local residents, as well as the enthusiastic participation of several community libraries, including the Farmingdale Public Library, Hicksville Public Library, Island Trees Public Library, Levittown Public Library, and Seaford Public Library. Each location served as a hub for donations, collecting a diverse array of titles, from charming baby books to engaging chapter books. In the coming weeks, Book Fairies will distribute these collected materials to families and children in need. Senator Rhoads expresses heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved, emphasizing that such collaborative endeavors not only provide resources and support for those who may be struggling, but also cultivates a culture of kindness and generosity that resonates throughout the community.