

Community participates in recognizing Dr. Seuss

NEW BRITAIN — City police officers Barry Hertzler and Brandon Lanza took time out from their beat Thursday to read books by Dr. Seuss to two preschool classes at the Human Resources Agency of New Britain.

The officers were among the community leaders to participate in the annual HRA Head Start/School Readiness celebration of Dr. Seuss Reading Week. With different activities scheduled each day to promote reading, HRA's preschool celebration is based on the National Education Association's Read Across America event that takes place annually to mark the anniversary of the birth of Theodor Giesel, better known by his pen name, Dr. Seuss.



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New Britain police officer Barry Hertzler reads to a preschool class on Thursday at the Human Resources Agency. The facility wrapped up its Dr. Seuss Reading Week on Friday.

Among those who took part in the HRA programs were state representatives, the agency's board of directors and

members of the New Britain Fire Department.

Families joined their children for Dr. Seuss's Birthday Carnival on Wednesday and left with enough books to start their own library, according to Rocco R. Tricarico, HRA executive director. The agency's education staff manned nine different stations at the carnival based on themes from different Dr. Seuss books. More than 383 people took part in face painting, a bean bag toss, egg spoon races, guessing games, hula hoops and stations to take self-photos and create hats. Tricarico said this year's carnival broke the 2015 attendance record by more than 100 people.

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