



NATHAN VICK collected over 6,000 books for his Eagle Scout Project to help start a school library in Mozambique, Africa. Monetary donations are still needed to help pay shipping costs. For additional information on how to help with those efforts access Nathan's Eagle Project Web site: libraryforafrica.com. (Photo by Bob Vlach)

Scout collects over 6,000 books for Eagle project

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Knowing children living in Mozambique, Africa, will have access to books because of his Eagle Scout project fills Nathan Vick with pride.

"It was more meaningful than I thought it was going to be," said Nathan, 13.

"I hope," he continued, "they will use them and become book lovers like I am."

Nathan, who says he can hardly imagine a world without books, collected 6,125 donated books for his Eagle Scout project. He organized three book drives last year, and credited the community's support for making those efforts successful.

He had set a goal to collect 5,000 donated books.

Many of those books are

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being given to a school library being started in Mozambique, Africa. Others that cannot be used at the library will help pay shipping costs.

Doug Vick, who earned his Eagle Scout Award in 1976, serves as Nathan's scoutmaster and pinned his son's Eagle Scout Award during a Court of Honor Ceremony at St. Leo Catholic Church on Dec. 30.

"He was the one who most inspired me to go for my Eagle," said Nathan. "And he supported me through all this Eagle project. So I thought it was pretty special that he was able to pin me."

"We're real proud of him and he grew a lot in the process," said Tamerin Vick, Nathan's mother.

She said adults eventually looked to her son for answers when they had questions about what they could do to make his Eagle Scout project successful.

Nathan did face an unusual, but not a surprising, dilemma when he and other book lovers came together to organize and clean books for the school children of Mozambique, Africa.

"They would get involved in reading the books," explained Tamerin Vick. "So the hardest thing to do was not to get them to work, but to get them to stop reading the books..."