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GOP women donate books to library

Club Salute

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The St. Bernard Republican Women donated six books relating to the life and presidency of Abraham Lincoln to the St. Bernard Parish Public Library.

The donation was part of the Mamie Eisenhower Library Project, the National Federation of Republican Women's literacy program.

"The Mamie Eisenhower Library Project is the federation's oldest project," said Linda Vinsanau, past president of the St. Bernard Republican Women. "Other clubs throughout the country also donate books to public and school libraries as part of the Mamie Eisenhower Library Project."

Members of the St. Bernard Republican Women who were on hand for the donation are Vinsanau, Veronica Dupuy, Janie Smith, Alice DiFatta, Madeline Faust, Teresa Ready, Hattie Bonds, Mary San Marco and Sharon Williams, club president. Library staff who participated are Meg McNutt, library circulation clerk, and Susan Heffker, library accountant.

The St. Bernard Republican Women has 23 members and meets monthly. The club will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2011.

Other literacy projects of the St. Bernard Republican Women include the Dictionary Project where the club donates dictionaries to third-grade students in local schools.

The club also sponsors the Constitution Project where copies of the Constitution are given to fifth- and 10th-grade students, and it awards an annual \$1,000 college scholarship to a female high school graduate in St. Bernard Parish.

"We believe that by helping children and adults with literacy we are helping improve their quality of life," Vinsanau said.

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