

MEMBERS DONATE BOOKS IN WAUKEGAN

In continuing their efforts to bring the spirit of SGI President Ikeda and the SGI organization to Lake County, Ill., Lake Chapter members presented a collection of his publications to the Waukegan Public Library on May 3. For this event, members created four exhibits based on peace, culture, education and Soka Gakkai Day (May 3).

It was an extraordinarily beautiful day as members and guests arrived at the library, located in downtown Waukegan along the shores of Lake Michigan. Jean Kovac, Chicago No. 2 Culture Department leader, presented the 17 books to Andrew Stimson, library director. Lake Chapter Leader Al Hogan surprised the members with a proclamation from Mayor William Durkin naming May 3 SGI President's Day in Waukegan. Presentations on "Buddhism in America" were given in English and Spanish, and videos introducing President Ikeda and the SGI were shown.

Guests included a retired teacher from Highland Park High School, who said: "These exhibits truly encompass so many cultures. I didn't know what the SGI was, and I'm so glad I'm here to learn about it."

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