

Grade 5 student turns Nobody into somebody

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Megan Brooks went above and beyond while turning Nobody into Somebody for a school project.

Megan is a Grade 5 student at Alliston Union Public School. She and her classmates were given the challenge recently to take a featureless, humanoid form and transform it into someone with personality, friends, values and a commitment to community service.

A graduate of the New Tecumseth Public Library's Storytime program, Megan used the project to give back and raised \$226.92.

"Nobody's goal is to learn something positive from everyone," said Megan at Monday night's New Tecumseth council meeting. "Everyone has helped Nobody become Somebody."

To raise money she covered a tin with the covers of her favourite books. With Nobody tucked under her arm Megan visited her neighbours and asked for donations for the Storytime program.

When she finished collecting money, she created a three-dimensional book documenting her experience with Nobody and attached it to him to show the value of reading and donating time and energy to a worthy cause.

Megan was recognized by New Tecumseth council and received a certificate of recognition from Mayor Mike MacEachern.

The program Megan's class participated in is called Who Is Nobody? It was created by a former supply teacher with the Toronto District School Board who was concerned about the lack of confidence and self-esteem she saw in students.

In New Tecumseth the program is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Alliston. It is in its second year at Holy Family School and in its first year at Alliston Union P.S.

For more information, go to www.whoisnobody.com.



Grade 5 student turns Nobody into somebody. Alliston Union Public School Grade 5 student Megan Brooks raised \$226.92 for the New Tecumseth Public Library Storytime program during a school project, Who is Nobody? She was honoured at a recent New Tecumseth council meeting. For more information, go to www.whoisnobody.com. *Submitted*