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Rural Florida library receives a ton of library materials from YALSA's Great Book Giveaway IX

The Hardee Senior High School Library in Wauchula, Florida, is the winner of the ninth annual Great Book Giveaway, and will receive literally a "ton" of young adult and adult books, videos, CDs and audiocassettes. The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) sponsors the contest consisting of items publishers and producers donated to YALSA in 2004. The estimated value of the collection is approximately \$25,000.

The past year has been devastating for Hardee County with direct hits by two hurricanes and gale force winds from a third. Three-fourths of the homes in Hardee County were either damaged or destroyed, several schools in the district sustained extensive damage, and students missed a total of 17 days of school. Along with personal property, many textbooks and library books were lost, damaged, or destroyed.

