



Tears speak volumes for donor

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Before attending the funeral of a close friend Saturday, Simon Clews asked himself and his world complex questions.

What he got back was a simple answer — do something.

And so he did.

He went to his bookshelf and selected some works that embodied the kindness and the intelligence of Theresa Newhouse, 28, who died suddenly Feb. 11, while working in the Bahamas.

Then he drove to the *Times Colonist* book drive, along with scores of others from throughout Vancouver Island Saturday, and made a very special donation on behalf of a very special friend.

"I need to feel like I've done something, a small gesture to her," said Clews, tears spilling down his cheeks.

Clews hopes the myriad books he donated might inspire in others the passion that drove Newhouse — a law student who worked tirelessly to assist and educate those marginalized by politics, poverty or discrimination.

"Most of the books have elements of her in them. She fought hard to educate people," he said.

Not everyone in the cars that formed a steady stream through the *Times Colonist* parking lot Saturday had so touching a reason for giving books to the fourth-annual book drive Saturday.

Frankly, some people just wanted to "get rid of the damn things."

But all were united in what they believe is a good cause — literacy and education. School librarians get the first pick of books, before they go on sale Saturday and Sunday, March 3 and 4.

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