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Books for Books at North Georgia Technical College

There are many ways to make a difference in the life of someone dreaming of a college education. Recently, the North Georgia Technical College Foundation began a partnership with Better World Books, providing another opportunity for anyone in the area looking for a way to repurpose old books and other forms of literature.

The program is simple: the items collected by the NGTC Foundation will be sold to Better World Books and the proceeds will be used to purchase additional textbooks for the Foundation’s Lending Library.

“We began the Lending Library just four years ago with only a handful of books,” said Cynthia Brown, NGTC Director of Institutional Advancement. “Our Lending Library has grown tremendously and now we have more than 500 books available for use by students with demonstrated financial need.”

The Books for Books program is not limited to textbooks only, though textbooks that are 2005 or newer are welcome. Donations may include hardcover fiction or non-fiction, travel books (2008 or newer), trade paperbacks, dictionaries, out-of-print books, and rare or collectible books. In addition, unopened software sets as well as CD’s, DVD’s, and VHS cassettes that are operable and include casing with artwork.

“We are so excited about the potential for this program,” Cynthia continued. “We hope to make this an ongoing partnership.”

Better World Books is a self-sustaining, for-profit social venture whose mission is to capitalize on the value of the book to fund literacy initiatives locally, nationally and around the world. They partner with nearly 3,100 libraries and over 1,800 college campuses across the U.S. and Canada, collecting unwanted textbooks and library discards in support of non-profit literacy programs. For more information, visit www.betterworldbooks.com.

The deadline to complete the project for this semester is March 23rd. Donations may be dropped off at the Foundation Office in the Mobley Building on the Clarkesville Campus, or you may call 706-754-7714 to make arrangements.

For more information on the NGTC Foundation, contact Cynthia Brown, cbrown@northgatech.edu, or visit www.northgatech.edu.

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