

Make-A-Difference Weekend at Rutgers

Books for Halloween? Kids Get Candy with Healthy Dose of Reading Materials on the Side at the Rutgers University/City of New Brunswick "Monster Mash"

6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m., Friday, October 27th, 2006
Cook/Douglass Recreation Center



GLP volunteers brought something a little bit different to this year's Halloween program. Along with candy and other such treats, some 100 families had the opportunity for their elementary school age kids to win books and dictionaries.

Volunteers LeAnne Roberts and Valerie Thertus were very pleasantly surprised at how parents expressed

enthusiasm for the literary twist on Halloween giving.

Children from local elementary and grammar schools as well as any children staying in local family shelters were invited to the Cook/Douglass Recreation Center-converted for the night into a mini-festival space with its own haunted house.

Over 500 New Brunswick kids and parents attended the event where some two dozen student groups presented different activities for the children. Additionally, student volunteers in costumes around the Cook College farm provided "haunted" skits. The City of New Brunswick provided hayride tractors, decoration and shuttle buses between the parking lot, recreation center and College farm. Volunteers from the New Brunswick Department of Recreation also worked with the students in presenting the entertainment.

