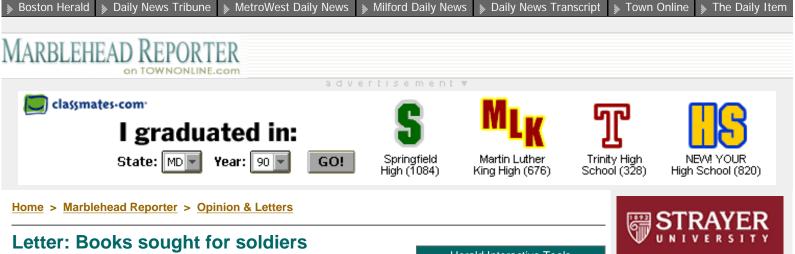
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We want to thank all those who gave used-but-good paperback books for our troops. We read about this on www.anysoldier.com and thought it was something we could do. You do not have to approve of war to approve of young men and women soldiers.

We started at our Lutheran Church, and then libraries, even Nahant — and many individuals. We buy the proper size boxes at Staples, wrap the eight to 10 books in each, inserting a label, "Whoever you are reading this book, we pray for your safe return," and the thank yous are touching.

As long as the books come in, we will continue to ship to Iran and Afghanistan. Some donate postage: about \$5 a box. A little diversion helps the young men and women. To date, about 300 books have been shipped. We took Mother Teresa's words seriously, "We cannot all do big things, but little things add up."

You can drop off books at Clifton Lutheran Church or at #10, Adams House, third floor, to us. And we thank you a whole lot! We care because had a son in Vietnam and other close relatives in WWII. These young men and women soldiers should know people care. No one is pro-war. All are pro troops.

Bettie and Jack Hamilton

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