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Johnstown, PA - U.S. Rep. John Murtha announced today that three libraries in the 12th Congressional District have been awarded 15 classic books through the National Endowment for the Humanities' "We the People" Bookshelf program.

Receiving the books are Adams Memorial Library in Latrobe, Scottdale Public Library and Frazier Community Library in Perryopolis.

The theme of this year's Bookshelf is "Becoming American." The collection, which includes books for schoolchildren from kindergarten through Grade 12, includes titles such as "Grandfather's Journey" by Allen Say, "Immigrant Kids" by Russell Freedman, "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by Betty Smith and "Death Comes for the Archbishop" by Willa Cather.

"Most public libraries today have a difficult time finding the resources to expand their collections or to replace worn-out books, so this program supports their efforts to offer titles that will help children discover the joy of reading," Murtha said.