

Alpine Public Library Receives Libri Grant



The Alpine Public Library was recently awarded a BOOKS FOR CHILDREN grant, from the Libri Foundation. Library Manager Evelyn Williams applied for this grant in July, and received notification in September of the award. This grant is intended for rural libraries serving a population of under 16,000. The Foundation works with the library's Friends of the Library or other local groups, and will match any amount of money raised by the local sponsor from \$50.00 to \$350.00 on a 2-to-1 ratio. Alpine Library will be receiving \$1,050 worth of new, quality, hardcover children's books (about 70 books). The librarian is allowed to select the books that the library will receive, from a 700-plus list of fiction and non-fiction. The booklist is divided into two groups, based on recommended age and grade levels. Group 1 books are for young listeners and beginning readers (birth to age 7, preschool to grade 2). Group 2 books are for middle and intermediate readers (ages 8 to 12, grades 3 to 6).

Some of the titles selected by Evelyn in the birth to age 7 group are: *Hide and Snake* by Keith Baker, *When Dinosaurs Came With Everything* by Elise Brock, *Duck for President* by Doreen Cronin, and *A Second is a Hiccup: A Child's Book of Time* by Hazel Hutchins.



Others in the age 8-12 group include: *ER Vets: Life in an Animal Emergency Room* by Donna M. Jackson, *What a Great Idea!: Inventions That Changed the World* by Stephen M. Tomecek, *The Potato Chip Puzzles* by Eric Berlin, and *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman.



The books will be shipped approximately eight weeks after the order form is received at the Foundation. They will be displayed in a special display during an open house, and a newspaper article written about them. Williams will visit the local school to "show and tell" the children about the new books as being able to actually see the books increases interest.

The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization which donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries throughout the United States. Since October 1990, the Foundation has donated over \$3.5 million worth of new children's books to more than 2,600 libraries in 49 states, including Alaska and Hawaii.

For more information on applying for this grant, visit www.librifoundation.org.

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