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# **Literacy Austin to Receive Largest Book Gift Ever**

Harcourt Supplemental Publishers Donates to Benefit Austin-Area Readers

AUSTIN, Texas – Austin-based Harcourt Supplemental Publishers will donate close to 6,500 books this holiday season to Literacy Austin – the largest book gift the nonprofit organization says it has ever received.

The donation includes “a plethora of different topics, from mysteries to science fiction, at a spectrum of reading levels,” says Lorna Harrison, vice president of business development at Harcourt Supplemental.

In its 17 years of existence, Literacy Austin has helped thousands of Austin-area readers improve their literacy skills. And though the organization has received thousands of dollars in cash contributions and in furniture and various supplies over the years, the Harcourt Supplemental donation represents the largest gift of books ever.

“This is going to be a great benefit to our students and recipients of our services,” says Norma Cantu, Literacy Austin community development director.

The donation, which will be made before Dec. 31, will support growing literacy needs in the Austin area.

“Being a publisher of learning solutions, resources, and services that play a key role in achieving successful educational milestones, we see value in supporting literacy in Austin,” Harrison says. “We have a social responsibility to build literacy whenever and wherever we can.”

### **About Literacy Austin**

Founded in 1984 by the American Association of University Women, Literacy Austin provides basic literacy and English as a Second Language instruction to adults ages 17 and older who read below the fifth-grade level. Its large corps of volunteers tutors about 1,200 students a year.

For information on the program, or to become a volunteer, call Literacy Austin at 478-READ (478-7323).

## **About Harcourt Supplemental Publishers**

Harcourt Supplemental Publishers produces learning solutions and content that fundamentally and positively changes the lives of young and adult learners. Its products are based on a developmental philosophy that assesses learners' skills and needs, matches them to appropriate content and accelerates them to meet and exceed expectations. Under the Rigby and Steck-Vaughn imprints, Harcourt Supplemental provides educational solutions that deliver superior content-area knowledge and reading skills. For more information, visit [www.harcourtsupplemental.com](http://www.harcourtsupplemental.com).

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