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Heinemann-Raintree Publishers Awards \$12,500 to Schools

CHICAGO - Heinemann-Raintree announced two recipients for its Making the Nonfiction Connection Grants, worth \$10,000 total, as well as the recipient for a special award worth \$2,500 in October, 2007.

Heinemann-Raintree awarded its Making the Nonfiction Connection Classroom Grant, worth \$5,000 in series nonfiction, to North Side Elementary School in Johnson City, Tennessee. Sharon D. Pickering, Karin Keith, and Valerie Orfield are Math, Science and Technology teachers at North Side Elementary who plan to use the grant to implement an educational program that utilizes a fully functioning science lab and concept resource boxes that can be used by teachers and support staff. These resource boxes will help instructors to integrate classroom and lab instruction, as well as invigorate student enthusiasm for exploration through educational resources. The resource boxes will contain a multitude of resources, but the Heinemann-Raintree books will be their central focus.

Heinemann-Raintree awarded its Making the Nonfiction Connection Library Grant to Shonda Brisco, District Librarian for Peaster Independent School District in Weatherford, Texas. This grant, also worth \$5,000 in series nonfiction, will enable Brisco to implement a "Let's Talk About Me!" middle school science instructional unit. Through collaborative instruction, the middle school science teachers will work with the Peaster librarians to extend the community's current health, fitness and personal safety instruction. Brisco's program will encourage students to explore various technological outlets as well as their own understanding of many critical health and wellness issues.

In addition to the two grant winners, Heinemann-Raintree also awarded Laura Pearle, Librarian at the Hackley School in Tarrytown, New York, \$2,500 in series nonfiction to help rebuild the Kaskel Library nonfiction collection. After a fire destroyed the 104-year-old Kaskel Library on August 10, 2007, the Hackley School is in desperate need of educational resources. Heinemann-Raintree devised its special award to assist the Kaskel Library's recovery. With this award, Pearl will be able to begin to restore the Hackley School educational tradition.

"We are delighted to award such deserving schools," said Heinemann-Raintree Vice President of Sales, Dennis DeCock. "The response to the grant program was overwhelming and we hope to continue this tradition in the future. After reading through hundreds of grant applications, we realized how many great school programs are worthy of rewards like these."

About Heinemann-Raintree

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