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Angie —— I have something that Jeff as ask me to get to you to place in all the packets.....it is only 1 piece of paper.....I will bring it to you tonight, if that is O K thanks, Pat

Library for All launches read-a-thon campaign

Library For All is a New York City-based nonprofit organization that is building a digital library platform for the developing world. Its mission is to unlock knowledge to those living in poverty by providing access to e-books and other digital content in low bandwidth communities, via low-cost tablet devices.

With the support of six of the top ten publishers based in U.S., ThoughtWorks and New York University, Library For All is launching in Haiti this October. Recently the project was successfully funded for over \$100,000 on Kickstarter and was featured in Mashable, *Fast Company*, and Upworthy.

Library For All is launching "Go Read!," a global read-a-thon campaign in October. In this campaign, students from grades K-12 in the United States can empower those with little or no access to books in the developing world. Students in classes here in the US pledge a number of books they will read for the campaign, and get their community to sponsor them for each book read. This is an amazing opportunity for U.S. kids to learn about the power of reading education, and share



their love of reading with the world. All funds collected will go towards providing access to a digital library of books for kids in developing countries like Haiti. Library For All is currently expanding the campaign across the country beginning with Missouri, Texas, New York, and Connecticut.

If your Friends of the Library group or library would like to join with Library For All in the read-a-thon, contact Isabel at isabel@libraryforall.org. For more information about Library For All, visit <http://libraryforall.org>.

Book review: 'Privatizing Libraries' by Jane Jerrard, Nancy Bolt, and Karen Strege

In an effort to save money, some towns and cities across the country have considered or even privatized their public libraries. Though there is some doubt about whether this action does, in fact, save money in the long run; one thing is definitely true — privatizing libraries takes accountability and transparency out of the equation.

ALA has taken a stand against the privatization of publicly funded libraries.



For more than 200 years, libraries have resided in the public domain — staying true to the residents they serve without making decisions that will or won't provide a profit for the private company.

Trustees have a critical role to play in ensuring that their public libraries remain in public control. This well-written and concise guide will help Trustees and Friends alike show their decision makers what's at stake in making this radical move for short term gain.

ALA Editions; ISBN 978-0-83891-154-9; \$45.

Notable Quotables

"A well-stocked, well-staffed library is like a gardener who plants books, knowledge, and dreams and grows readers, learners, and do-ers."

Laura Purdie Salas
BookSpeak! Poems About Books, 2011

"Time is never wasted in a library. Libraries are the keepers of our history as well as the promoters of a literate and well-educated future for the people of the world."

Grace Meeth
Letters from Home: The 1855 to 1913 Correspondence of a Colorado Pioneer, 2012

"Libraries made me a writer, but more importantly, they made me a thinker."

Sarah Darer Littman
Want to Go Private?, 2011

"Libraries are anything but quiet: they resound with centuries of knowledge and human experience — and I can think of no more perfect music!"

Kristen Kittscher
The Wig in the Window, 2013

"Libraries fed my love of words and people when I was too poor to buy books. Today, I write books."

Sarah Bracey White
Primary Lessons, 2013

For more quotes about libraries and literacy, visit www.library-quotes.org.