

Columbia Area Council News Spring 2006

The Columbia Area Council continued its new focus on outreach to the community this year through three projects:

Books for Babies – Supporting Project Crib at Douglass High School

This project provides tote bags filled with board/cloth books for infants along with short parenting information articles for the teen parents at Columbia's alternative high school. Nine bags were provided this year.

Habitat for Humanity

This project provides a bookshelf and books for a Habitat family when they move into their new home. This year, the family included a dad, mom, 2 girls (ages 17 and 4) and 3 boys (ages 13, 3, and 1).

McCambridge Center

This project provides self-help books for mothers in this women's rehabilitation center, and books for their children on topics such as dealing with anger, divorce, addictions, etc.

Three meetings were held this year on the following topics:

Building the Foundation: Literacy in the Title 1 Preschool
Project Awareness/Information Session
Assistive Technology for Struggling Readers and Writers

A Young Authors Conference was held on March 18 with local author Carlynn Trout.

The council Literacy Award will be given to Val Garton, Coordinator for Language Arts K-12 for the Columbia Public Schools for her work in curriculum writing and alignment, and professional development for literacy coaches.