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## ***The Glaciers are Melting at the National Book Festival***

Mt. Pleasant, SC (September 5, 2012) – *The Glaciers are Melting!* by Donna Love, illustrated by Shennen Bersani, is headed to Washington, DC on September 22<sup>nd</sup> as the book to represent Montana during the National Book Festival. After pouring through books, the Montana State Library and Humanities Montana chose local author Donna Love's picture book to coordinate with the theme of early literacy.

The 2012 National Book Festival is the 12<sup>th</sup> annual event held by the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. The National Mall will host authors, illustrators and books of all genres, which will be celebrated throughout the event including in the Pavilion of States where *The Glaciers are Melting!* will be featured at the Montana tent.

The story is a subtle introduction for children to learn about climate issues in the world today. Peter Pica is convinced the glaciers are melting, and he alerts his friends in search of the Mountain Monarch. The group encounters obstacles along the path, as they seek advice to prevent their glaciers from melting. Illustrator Shennen Bersani captured the spirit of the animals and the landscape of the mountain as they quest for answers. The "For Creative Minds" section features non-fiction information about glacial habitats, including a picture of Glacier National Park in Montana.

As a resident of Montana and a childhood spent in Oregon, author Donna Love grew up in nature. Her award winning books include *Henry the Impatient Heron; Loons, Diving Birds of the North; Awesome Ospreys, Fishing Birds of the World; Animals Count in Grand Canyon National Park; and The Totally Out There Guide to Glacier National Park*. Donna believes, "The more you know about something the better care you can give it, which is why she loves writing about nature for children."

Illustrator Shennen Bersani is traveling to the festival from Massachusetts and will be in the Montana tent during the festival. Shennen is a freelance illustrator, and has illustrated a number of best-selling books including *Home in the Cave; Astro: The Steller Sea Lion; Nana, What's Cancer?; Snakes: Long, Longer, Longest and Ocean Counting: Odd Numbers*. Shennen's art also appears in many magazines and newspaper publications. Working primarily with colored pencils and a mixed media technique using colored pencils crayons and paint, Shennen's art delivers a unique blend of realism.

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Sylvan Dell Publishing is honored that *The Glaciers are Melting!* has been chosen as the Montana representative for the National Book Festival. The unique blend of science and math through literature in a Sylvan Dell book is a jumping off point for parents and educators to inspire young minds, and mold future scientists.

For more information on *The Glaciers are Melting!* or Sylvan Dell Publishing please contact Heather Williams at [heatherwilliams@sylvandellpublishing.com](mailto:heatherwilliams@sylvandellpublishing.com). Information about the National Book Festival may be found at the Library of Congress or <http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/>, and find more information on the Montana State Library here <http://msl.mt.gov/>.

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