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## Top Honors for Arbordale Publishing

*Local Publisher has two books named to Prestigious Reading List*

Mt. Pleasant, SC (November 11, 2013) -Two Sylvan Dell Publishing picture books, ***Ferdinand Fox's First Summer*** by Mary Holland, and ***On the Move***, written by Scotti Cohn and illustrated by Susan Detwiler were selected for the 2014 Outstanding Science Trade books. The National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) in combination with the Children's Book Council (CBC) collaborate each year to choose top reads for children in grade K-12 that promote both science and literacy.

Mary Holland's photographs document the life of a young fox kit in *Ferdinand Fox's First Summer*. Children learn about a fox's adaptations, instincts and growing up throughout the story, and in the book's For Creative Minds Section. As a naturalist, Mary Holland is frequently found in the woods of Vermont with her lab Emma photographing wildlife and sharing her stories on [naturallycuriouswithmaryholland.wordpress.com](http://naturallycuriouswithmaryholland.wordpress.com).

In contrast *On the Move* shows children how a variety of animals migrate to specific locations throughout the seasons of the year. Detwiler's vivid illustrations display how large groups of animals gather together, and Cohn's text highlights the reasons, adaptations and difficulties of the migration process. Both author and illustrator share a life-long love for children's books, and previously collaborated on *Big Cat Little Kitty* for Sylvan Dell Publishing.

Being named to this list is a great honor for Sylvan Dell who specializes in science and math themed picture books. Founded in 2005, the mission of Sylvan Dell is to build excitement in young children for reading and science. That is why each book is carefully built to entertain and educate children through a fun story, realistic art, and a For Creative Minds section filled with facts and activities.

### **About the Outstanding Science Trade Books**

Since 1973, NSTA has joined with CBC to compile a bibliography of quality science books for children. A panel of reviewers, appointed by NSTA and assembled by the CBC, consider numerous titles in order to compile the list. In 2002, the lists expanded to include books for high school students, and in 2010 resources and activities were made available to compliment the selected books.

For more information about Sylvan Dell Publishing or the books *Desert Baths*, and *Gopher to the Rescue!: A Volcano Recovery Story*, please contact Heather Williams, Publicist via phone: (843) 971-6722, or email: [heatherwilliams@sylvandellpublishing.com](mailto:heatherwilliams@sylvandellpublishing.com).

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