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New Books are Blooming this Spring

Sylvan Dell Publishing celebrates spring book launch

Mt. Pleasant, SC (January 15, 2014) -- Sylvan Dell Publishing is abuzz with excitement as the company celebrates its largest title release in history with nine science and math picture books hitting shelves this February.

This season includes retellings of classic tales with a science twist, nonfiction profiles of animals and those that take care of them, and even some geometry fun. As Sylvan Dell has grown, the company is proud to offer their books in many digital formats as well as Spanish language editions of each new title. Perfect for the elementary classroom, science and language lessons don't stop with the ending of the book; children, parents and teachers are able to access a world of activities and quizzes online in both English and Spanish at sylvandellpublishing.com.

The online and social media launch celebration will begin February 24th with daily giveaways, reading activity ideas, and author interviews. The week of reading culminates with author events scheduled in various cities around the country that begin on March 1st.

New titles include:

Animal Helpers: Aquariums

By Jennifer Keats Curtis

Where else could you stay dry while visiting aquatic animals from around the world? Only in an aquarium can you visit and learn about all these different local and exotic animals. Aquarium staff care for and teach about these animals, as well as work to conserve and protect threatened and endangered species. Follow this behind-the-scenes photographic journal as it leads you into the wondrous world of aquariums and the animal helpers who work there.

A Beaver's Busy Year

By Mary Holland

Along a stream a dam sticks out of the water. Beavers are busy at work! These aquatic mammals have unique traits that aid them in building the perfect lodge to raise young beavers and keep predators away. Mary Holland's vibrant photographs document the beavers' activities through the course of a

year. Do these beavers ever take a break? Follow along as they pop through the winter ice to begin the busy year of eating bark, building dams and gathering food just in time for winter to come again.

A Cool Summer Tail

By Carrie A Pearson, illustrated by Christina Wald

When summer heats up, animals find ways to stay cool. Just as animals wonder how humans stay warm in ***A Warm Winter Tail***, animals in ***A Cool Summer Tail*** wonder how humans stay cool in the hot summer heat. Do they dig under the dirt, grow special summer hair, or only come out at night? Many of the same animals are featured in both books, offering an important compare and contrast opportunity of how animals adapt to seasonal changes.

Daisylocks

By Marianne Berkes, illustrated by Cathy Morrison

Daisylocks needs a home that is just right. She asks Wind to help her find the perfect habitat to spread her roots, and he accepts the challenge. Wind blows Daisylocks to the plain, the mountain and the swamp. She objects to each place one by one—too cold, too hard, too wet. Daisylocks is not ready to give up! They try the humid rainforest and then the warm beach; those are not just right either. Will Wind find the perfect climate and soil for Daisylocks to place her roots and grow into a beautiful flower?

First Fire: A Cherokee Folktale

By Nancy Kelly Allen, illustrated by Sherry Rogers

Why are ravens black? Why do screech owl eyes look red in light? How did we get fire? You'll find the answers to those questions in this retelling of a Cherokee *pourquoi* folktale. The earth was cold and dark but the animals could see fire coming from the tree on the island. They tried to fly or swim to the island to bring back the fire heat and light. What happened to some of the animals? Which animal brought it back and how?

Kali's Story: An Orphaned Polar Bear Rescue

By Jennifer Keats Curtis, photography by John Gomes

Follow the photographic journey of orphaned polar bear Kali (pronounced Cully) as he is rescued and whisked away to the Inupiat village of Kali (Point Lay in English). Villagers care for him until a plane flies him to the Alaska Zoo in Anchorage. There, he grows and learns skills from zookeepers filling in for his mother. Since young cubs need companionship, animal experts find a friend for Kali, Luna, a female polar bear, at the Buffalo Zoo in New York.

Polar Bears and Penguins: A Compare and Contrast Story

By Katharine Hall

Polar bears and penguins may like cold weather but they live at opposite ends of the earth. What do these animals have in common and how are they different? You might see them near each other at a

zoo but they would never be found in the same habitats in the wild. Compare and contrast these polar animals through stunning photographs.

Sea Slime: It's Eeuwy, Gooley and Under the Sea

By Ellen Prager, illus by Shennen Bersani

Snails and sea slugs use *Sea Slime*. But, did you know that coral and clownfish need slime too? As a marine scientist, Dr. Ellen Prager takes us deep into the sea. She introduces readers to fascinating and bizarre animals that use slime to capture their food, protect themselves from harm, or move from place to place in their underwater environment.

The Shape Family Babies

By Kristin Haas, illustrated by Shennen Bersani

Mr. and Mrs. Shape are expecting a baby, but they are surprised when three arrive! The first is just like Mother Rhombus, the other just like Father Rectangle, the third baby is a different shape. What should her name be? Go on a geometry naming adventure as all the Shape family relatives weigh in. Will Cousin Triangle, Aunt Hexagon or Grandma Rhombus have the right angle?

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