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Top Honors for Sylvan Dell Publishing

Local Publisher has two books named to Prestigious Reading List

Mt. Pleasant, SC (November 26, 2012) -Two Sylvan Dell Publishing picture books, ***Desert Baths*** and ***Gopher to the Rescue!: A Volcano Recovery Story***, were selected for the 2013 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.

In *Desert Baths*, Darcy Pattison tells the story of how each desert-dwelling animal has a unique technique to stay clean in a habitat void of much water. Rietz brings words to life with her careful detail in not only illustrating each animal in their habitat, but also moving the sun and moon through the course of a day. Children will be surprised how their favorite animals are able to lick, roll and shake their way to cleanliness.

Terry Catasús Jennings was researching the 1980 Mt. Saint Helens eruption for another project when she had the idea for *Gopher to the Rescue*. Based on over 30 years of observation, scientists credit the lowly gopher for helping to re-establish the habitat following the eruption. This story depicts how **the gopher** and other animals "work together" to rebuild their habitat. After the story children have the opportunity to learn more about volcanic eruptions and habitat revitalization.

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.

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