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**Small Company Makes Big Offer**

*Sylvan Dell Publishing offers grant opportunities to schools, public libraries and homeschool associations nationwide*

**Mount Pleasant, S.C.(March 30, 2010)-** Sylvan Dell Publishing, a small educational children's book publisher out of South Carolina, is offering a “resource grant program” to schools, libraries, and homeschool associations nationwide. Over 4,500 schools across the country have taken advantage of this program.

The centerpiece of their bilingual literacy program is the eBook. Their “resource grant program,” provides users with free one-year access to 50 of the most technologically advanced eBooks in the country. Each eBook features Auto-Read, Auto-Flip, 3-D page curling and selectable English and Spanish text and audio. After using these tools, it is easy to see how they can help teachers improve test scores across the curriculum.

Adina Pope, teacher at The Steuart Weller Elementary in Ashburn, VA, says it best when describing her experience with the eBooks:

I am writing in the name of our Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade teachers to thank you for granting us the free site license for the Sylvan Dell e-books! We LOVE them!! We read them aloud, in groups, use the books with our interactive white boards, and use the text to learn math and science in a fun, 21st Century manner. Teachers love the Sylvan Dell e-books because they are interactive, colorful, and belong to the rare "high literary quality" breed. Our students don't even realize they are learning math and science while reading the books! We truly believe that Sylvan Dell gets it! Getting children excited about reading, while turning each story into a cross-curriculum expedition is an effective way to reach our 21st Century students. Thank you for creating such an outstanding product! Thank you for allowing us to test it for a full year, and thank you for helping us teach our students with this state-of-the-art product! We LOVE Sylvan Dell!

Acquiring one-year free access to the eBooks is very easy. Applicants must fill out a three-to four-minute online application located on the Sylvan Dell Web site, and Sylvan Dell will process the application in one business day. Once the application is processed, the school, library or homeschool association is rewarded a one-year eBook site license.

Children and parents have unlimited access to the eBooks from home. Special software is not required for these tools, just broadband access. The eBooks offer a high- tech, fun alternative to video games that encourages family reading and learning. With or without adult supervision, children can spend hours using the site license, clicking from book to book. For teachers using the eBooks and online resources, having the site license accessible from home also offers an opportunity to involve parents and reinforce classroom learning. Mother, LaDonna Harris, recently thanked Sylvan Dell and said, “Those eBooks are beautiful and are great teaching material. Thanks so much for working with me and for providing these great resources for schools—both home and public!”

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Additionally, every Sylvan Dell title comes in hard and paperback form, and is supported with an abundance of free online educational material for teachers, parents, and children. Specifically, you'll find a three-to six-page section at the back of each book called "For Creative Minds" (also online as pdf in both English and Spanish); a 40-50 page, cross-curricular Teaching Activities packet; and three interactive quizzes: Reading / FCM / Math. All titles are aligned to state standards and are either Accelerated Reader or Reading Counts, or both.

This is all part of Sylvan Dell's mission to create picture books that excite children's imaginations, are artistically spectacular and have educational value. While facing widespread budget cuts, schools, libraries, and homeschool associations have found Sylvan Dell's state-of-the-art educational technology and resources to provide the most "bang for the buck."

For more information, visit [www.SylvanDellPublishing.com](http://www.SylvanDellPublishing.com)

#### **About Sylvan Dell Publishing**

Sylvan Dell Publishing's mission is to excite children's imaginations with artistically spectacular science, math and nature themed stories. Founded in November of 2004, Sylvan Dell has grown to include more than 75 authors and illustrators, in the U.S. and Canada, and 50 titles – honored as finalists or winners of more than 70 book awards. Our ***Science and Math Through Literature Program integrates reading, science, math, geography, character skills, and language learning through fun, cross-curricular activities.*** Sylvan Dell provides more online educator resources than any other publisher in the U.S. We offer schools, homeschooling families and public libraries a free one-year access to our ebook site license featuring **the most technologically advanced eBooks** each with Auto-Flip, Auto-Read, 3D page curling, and selectable English and Spanish text *and* audio through our School Resource Grant program. For more information, visit <http://www.sylvandellpublishing.com>.

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