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Literacy Inc. wins a new honor

HUDSON—Literacy Inc. (LINC) is among 39 winners nationwide selected to receive a 2006 James Patterson PageTurner Award, which recognizes individuals and organizations that "go to extraordinary lengths to spread the joy of books and reading."

Winners in 23 states shared cash prizes totaling $500,000. LINC received a $5,000 award.

The PageTurner Awards were created in 2005 by author James Patterson. Winners were selected by an award council made up of executives at Little, Brown and Company and the Hachette Book Group USA, as well as delegates appointed by Mr. Patterson.

LINC was recognized for its innovative work with school, family, business and community partners in low-income neighborhoods.

In 2006, LINC and its 21 Community Literacy Networks developed 164 reading programs and 193 one-time literacy events that reached thousands of children and their families, providing 60,000 hours of additional reading time.

In Hudson, 11 programs and 6 events served over 250 children.

In 2005, LINC received its second Partnership Organization Award from the National Network of Partnership Schools from Johns Hopkins University, and in 2006, was recognized with a Dr. King Community Service Organization Award for Literacy Initiatives in Albany. LINC was also selected by Time Inc. as one of five featured organizations for their Time to Give Back campaign at the end of 2005.

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