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LITERACY INC. RELEASES FIRST ANNUAL SUMMER READING LIST FOR CITY KIDS

**NYC Literacy Organization’s List Highlights Contemporary, Multicultural
and Award-winning Stories For Students in Grades Pre-K Through 8**

New York, NY (June 15, 2010) -- Nationally recognized non-profit organization **Literacy Inc.** (LINC), today announced their first annual City Kids Summer Reading List. The eclectic list of 25 books was chosen by LINC staff and includes multicultural and contemporary stories, award-winning tales as well as special stories set in New York City, where the organization is based.

LINC staff drew upon their work with thousands of teachers, parents and children in more than 100 schools in 20 communities around New York City when compiling the 2010 list.

“Learning doesn’t stop when the school year ends and summer provides the perfect opportunity for kids to spend time with a great book,” said Debora Mulrain, LINC’s Director of Community Engagement. “Children who read year-round not only become better readers and students, but are also better prepared for lifelong success.”

“LINC’s mission is to encourage parents to read with their young children, and to help kids become better readers by activating existing community resources and reinforcing the concept of ‘reading everywhere’. Whether on a subway, or a bus, on a stoop, at the beach, or at home with a parent or friend, reading is a fun and rewarding pastime for kids of all ages.”

Please visit www.summerreading.org for additional reading lists for all ages (babies to adults).

About LINC:

Literacy Inc. (LINC), founded in 1996, inspires and enlists communities to create a better future for their children through early reading success. LINC serves communities in all five boroughs of New York City and in Hudson, New York, reaching over 5,000 children in collaboration with schools, local businesses and branch libraries. LINC Reading Partner Programs include: Teen Tutor Reading, Intergenerational Reading, VIP (Very Involved Parents) Academy, Books and Breakfast, Literacy Celebrations, Pajama Nights, and Read-a-thons. For more information on Literacy Inc. please visit www.lincnyc.org.

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The 2010 LINC City Kids Summer Reading List:

Grades Pre-Kindergarten – 2

- *The Kissing Hand*, by Audrey Penn
- *Benny and Penny: The Big No No*, by Geoffrey Hayes (Winner, 2009 Theodore Seuss Geisel Award for excellence in books for beginning readers)
- *Gracias/Thanks*, by Pat Mora (Author) and John Parra (Illustrator) (Winner, 2010 Golden Kite Award for Picture Book Illustration)
- *Red Sings From the Treetops*, by Joyce Sidman and Pamela Zagarenski (2010 Caldecott Honor Book)
- *All the World*, by Liz Garton Scanlon and Marla Frazee (2010 Caldecott Honor Book)
- *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!*, by Mo Willems

Grades 1-3

- *Tikki Tikki Tembo*, by Arlene Mosel
- *Ish*, by Peter Reynolds
- *Swimmy*, by Leo Lionni
- *The Lion and the Mouse*, by Jerry Pinkney (Winner, 2010 Caldecott Medal)
- *My People*, by Charles R. Smith, Jr. (Winner, 2010 Coretta Scott King Award - Illustration)
- *Skippyjon Jones*, by Judy Schachner
- *Lawn to Lawn*, by Dan Yaccarino

Grades 2-3

- *Enemy Pie*, by Derek Munson and Tara Calahan King
- *The Great Kapok Tree*, by Lynne Cherry
- *An Amelia Bedelia Celebration: Four Stories Tall*, by Peggy Parrish
- *Magic Treehouse* (series), by Mary Pope Osborne

Grades 3-6

- *Neil Armstrong is My Uncle, and Other Lies Muscle Man McGinty Told Me*, by Nan Marino
- *Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves*, by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson (Winner, 2010 Coretta Scott King Award - Author)
- *A Wrinkle in Time*, by Madeleine L'Engle
- *From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*, by E.L. Konigsburg

Grades 5-8

- *Return to Sender*, by Julia Alvarez (Winner, 2009 Pura Belpré Award for Latino Literature)
- *The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg*, by Rodman Philbrick (2010 Newbery Honor Book)
- *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*, by Avi
- *When You Reach Me*, by Rebecca Stead (2010 Newbery Medal Winner)