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Christel House and Indianapolis Public Library partnership provides books to impoverished students

Indianapolis, Ind. -- As part of the 2013 Summer Reading Program presented by The Indianapolis Public Library, more than 900 books will be donated to severely impoverished children who attend Christel House schools around the world.

Named 'Book Aid', the philanthropic project allowed participants to redeem their points from the Summer Reading Program for various prizes, including the opportunity to donate books to Christel House schools in India, Mexico and South Africa.

"We are very encouraged that so many children chose to spend their summer reading and to keep their skill levels sharp during a period that often results in a summer slide," said Jackie Nytes, Library CEO. "Providing local children with a philanthropic opportunity to benefit students at Christel House International is something the Library is proud to foster on behalf of the entire community."

Nearly 60,000 individuals participated in the 2013 Summer Reading Program.

"Reading new books is like the dream of entering a new world," said Lata Sarki Janak, Christel House India-Bangalore student, Grade 8. "The book and I travelled to the centre of the earth, to the skies, to the depth of the ocean, into the past and to the future. The book and I feasted with kings and beasts. A good book is my best friend."

For more information about the Indianapolis Public Library, call (317) 275-4099 or visit www.indyipl.org.

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About Christel House International

Christel House International (CHI) is transforming how kids, their families and future generations permanently escape poverty. Much more than a school, CHI was established in 1998 by founder Christel DeHaan and currently serves over 4,000 impoverished children around the world. By

providing high quality education, nutritious meals, regular health care, character and life skills development, and career counseling, CHI helps students grow into confident, hardworking and ethical young adults who give back to their families and communities. CHI operates five learning centers in India, Mexico, South Africa and the U.S.A., as well as a career development program in Venezuela. For more information, please visit www.christelhouse.org.