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TeachingBooks.net Wins Distinguished Achievement Award

Association of Educational Publishers Recognizes TeachingBooks.net as Best Educational Website – Portal for Young Adult & Children

MADISON, WIS. (June 13, 2006) – Offering children the chance to interact with their favorite book authors and illustrators everyday, *TeachingBooks.net* is fostering enthusiasm and appreciation for reading. The Association of Educational Publishers (AEP) has honored *TeachingBooks.net* for this accomplishment with a Distinguished Achievement Award in the Educational Websites category of “Portal for Young Adult and Children,” which recognizes a website that serves as a gateway to educational information.

TeachingBooks.net, a provider of multimedia resources designed to generate enthusiasm for books and reading, is an affordable way to bring books to life for students, educators and families. Launched in 2003, *TeachingBooks.net* is currently licensed by more than 12,000 schools across the United States and Canada, including Boston Public Schools, Calgary Board of Education in Alberta, Dallas Independent School District, Montgomery Public Schools in Alabama and all schools in Wisconsin.

“The idea is to bring books to life for children by helping them develop personal relationships with books and their creators,” said Nick Glass, founder of *TeachingBooks.net*. “In this capacity, we are honored to partner with AEP to support the larger goal of creating excellent educational resources for learning.”

Original author programs from *TeachingBooks.net* bring award-winning authors and illustrators directly into libraries and classrooms, allowing students to learn first hand how ideas, art and text come together to create a book. Featuring a total of more than 1,500 author programs, *TeachingBooks.net* creates original author programs that include movies or interactive slideshows. Each gives unique insights into the authors and illustrators, showing them in their studios talking about their work, reading from their books or demonstrating their illustrative process. Once a student is given the opportunity to make a personal connection with an author or illustrator, a relationship forms which further ignites a student’s interest in reading.

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In addition to providing original author programs, *TeachingBooks.net* also offers a wealth of other K-12 multimedia book and author resources. Multiple book guides for specific titles stimulate discussion and learning about books in the classroom, book readings allow students to hear the rhythm and pacing of a book's text, and links to official author and illustrator websites allow students to access biographies and other interactive activities.

TeachingBooks.net joins an elite cadre of companies in the supplemental publishing field who have been honored by AEP for excellence in their products. AEP, founded in 1895, is a national, nonprofit organization that represents, supports and promotes the publishers of supplemental educational resources, key tools for reading and learning at school and at home. An AEP award, earned after thorough analysis by a national panel of experts, confers upon the winner the right to display the coveted Lamp of Learning logo, which tells consumers a product has met the highest standard of excellence. For more information, visit www.edpress.org/awards/winners.htm.

For more information about *TeachingBooks.net*, or to sign up for a free 14-day trial, visit www.teachingbooks.net or phone 800-596-0710.

About TeachingBooks.net

TeachingBooks.net LLC is committed to bringing books to life by providing thousands of author programs, book readings, book guides, and other K-12 multimedia resources that reveal the spirit and personality within books. The company delivers an interactive online service designed to facilitate learning about and discussion of books to inspire students to read. The company was established in 2000 and is headquartered in Madison, Wis. For more information, visit www.teachingbooks.net or phone 608-257-2919.

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