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Funding for Books, Media, and Activities to NJ Public Libraries

New Brunswick, NJ- The New Jersey State Parent Information and Resource Center (NJPIRC), a program of Prevent Child Abuse – New Jersey has awarded grants to fifteen public libraries which will allow them to purchase books and educational materials that will enable parents to be effectively promoting in their children's learning and educational success.

After a careful review of several worthy proposals, NJPIRC made awards to fifteen public libraries that demonstrated an exceptionally strong commitment to helping parents meet the challenge of raising strong children and successful learners in an ever-changing world. Award recipients receive funding to purchase a range of educational materials appropriate for their community and host events that will promote parent involvement in their student's education. The books, materials, and events cover a vast variety of topics including; effective parenting, summer learning, "Hooked on Phonics", child discipline, special education, school success and much more.

The libraries selected to receive this award:

- Brielle Public Library
- Bridgeton Public Library
- The Library Company of Burlington
- Carteret Public Library
- Cumberland County Library
- Irvington Public Library
- Maplewood Memorial Public Library
- Middletown Township Public Library
- New Brunswick Free Public Library
- Paterson Free Public Library
- Piscataway Public Library
- Plainfield Public Library
- Princeton Public Library
- Secaucus Public Library and Business Resource Center
- Union City Public Library

The funding award by NJPIRC will enhance existing family activities and promote the continued development of parent involvement activities in their local communities. Research and experience consistently demonstrate that students are more likely to prosper when the school, the home, and the community work together to support a child's education. NJPIRC is working to build these partnerships so that all students in New Jersey, particularly those in low performing districts, achieve high academic performance and strong educational outcomes.

Families living in communities where the fifteen awarded libraries are located are encouraged to visit and learn from their new parent involvement themed-collection. For more information about NJPIRC, a program of Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey, visit www.preventchildabuseNJ.org or call 1-800-CHILDREN.