

St. Louis County Library ***News Release: July 23, 2007***
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Shop at Borders and Support County Library Bookmobiles

The St. Louis County Library Foundation's bookmobile program has been selected as the first recipient of a county-wide book drive by participating Borders and Waldenbooks stores. The program is part of a national fundraising campaign with a wide range of non-profit recipients in select Borders Group markets across the country.

Throughout the month of August, St. Louis County's seven Borders Books and Music and three Waldenbooks will collect books purchased by customers for the St. Louis County Library's bookmobiles. The St. Louis County Library Foundation sponsors five bookmobiles which regularly visit over 120 schools and community centers. The library has provided the stores with a "wish list" of books that will greatly enhance the bookmobile collections. Borders Group will also donate a portion of all sales generated by the book drive to the St. Louis County Library Foundation.

Charles Pace, director of the St. Louis County Library, reports, "The St. Louis County Library Foundation is pleased to be partnering with Borders Group and appreciative of the company's enthusiastic support of young readers. Thousands of children throughout the St. Louis county area will benefit from Borders' contributions to the library's bookmobile services."

The Brentwood Borders store (1519 S. Brentwood Blvd.) will celebrate the book drive on Saturday, August 11 with a special story-time event and book signing with Gail Carson

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Levine, the author of numerous bestselling teen and children's titles including *Ella Enchanted* and her newest publication *Fairy Haven and the Quest for the Wand*. Ms. Levine will speak at 2:00 p.m. Young readers are invited to participate in A Fairy Extravaganza, featuring fairy themed games and craft activities starting at 12:30 p.m. Representatives of the St. Louis County Library Foundation will be on hand with information about the Foundation Friends organization.

For more information on the book drive, please contact the St. Louis County Library (314) 994-3300 or Borders Group (618) 397-6803.