WHITESTONE KIDS PARTICIPATED IN A FREE SUMMER READING PROGRAM THANKS TO A DONATION BY VALLO TRANSPORTATION

Grant to Queens Library Underwrites Summer Story & Craft Programs and a Collection of New Children's Books

WHITESTONE, NY -- August 6, 2013 -- Dozens of children enjoyed free story time and craft programs at the Queens Library during July and August thanks to a special grant provided by Vallo Transportation. During these two fun and engaging sessions, Linda DeSabato, President of Vallo Transportation read age-appropriate books to local pre-school and young school-age kids, followed by a related craft activity and refreshments. As part of this special program, Vallo Transportation also donated new and much-needed children's books to the library.

"This marks the second year Vallo Transportation has partnered with the Queens Library to underwrite this Summer Reading Program. It brings me great joy to be able to continue supporting the Library and have this opportunity to personally engage Whitestone kids and their families through the wonders of reading. I'm a Queens Library enthusiast, and I applaud the Library for the variety of resources and educational programs it provides our community," stated Linda DeSabato, President, Vallo Transportation.

"Queens Library is so grateful for the generosity of Vallo Transportation and other community partners. Their sponsorship extends the resources we have for important educational and recreational programs for all ages. Vallo's gift is particularly valuable during our popular summer reading program, with so many children crowding the library," said Thomas W. Galante, President and CEO, Queens Library.

Vallo's gift of new books is especially welcome since the library has been able to purchase few new materials due to budget shortfalls. Demand, particularly for children's materials during the summer, is high. More than 50,000 children are expected to participate in Summer Reading this year. It is fun. It is free. It is right in your neighborhood. All ages are invited to sign up at any Queens Library or online at www.summerreading.org.

About Queens Library Foundation
Queens Library is an independent, not-for-profit corporation and is not affiliated with any other library. Queens Library serves a population of 2.3 million in one of the most ethnically diverse counties in the U.S. and has among the highest circulations of any public library system in the world. For more information about programs, services, locations, events and news, visit the Queens Library web site at www.queenslibrary.org or phone 718-990-0700. Queens Library. Enrich your life(r).

About Vallo Transportation Ltd.
Vallo Transportation provides school-bus service for hundreds of children in Queens and Manhattan, N.Y. The company, which specializes in service to the Bronx High School of Science, also provides charter service for field trips, community groups, high school sports and special events. Vallo has an outstanding safety record, on-time performance of nearly 98 percent, superior maintenance and training programs and history of community involvement. This outstanding reputation earned Vallo the New York State Bus Contractors Association's Contractor of the Year Award in 2010. Vallo traces its origins back more than 50 years to the hard work and dedication of Eddie and Tony Vallone, the founders of Parkway Bus Service, which provided transportation services to New York City school children. Parkway merged with two other companies, Columbia Bus Service and Syken Coach Services, to form Pioneer Bus Corporation in 1954. Pioneer grew to provide commuter bus services, in addition to its core school bus service. By the 1970s, Pioneer was one of the largest privately held bus companies in New York. Ed Vallone's children, Linda, Phil, and Ed junior, continue the tradition of excellent service for a new generation of passengers. More information about Vallo Transportation Ltd. and its services is available at www.vallotransportation.com or by calling (718) 961-7600.

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