



Indigo love of reading foundation

Random House of Canada Donates \$150,000 to Indigo Love of Reading Foundation

For Immediate Release. Toronto. January 24th, 2008. Random House of Canada President and CEO Brad Martin today announced a \$150,000 charitable donation from Random House of Canada to the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation.

Created in 2004, The Indigo Love of Reading Foundation was launched by Indigo Books & Music Inc. in response to the crisis of under resourced elementary school libraries across Canada.

Fifteen schools are selected each year by the Foundation. As of 2008, they will each receive a grant of \$100,000 each over three years, \$35,000 in the first two years and \$30,000 in the third year. Funds are then allocated to the purchase of books or services to improve facilities, inspire students, and encourage a love of reading for elementary students within their school environments and throughout their lives.

According to Martin, "When Heather Reisman took a leadership position on this issue, illuminating the disturbing state of so many school libraries in Canada, as well as the incredible effect this grant has on the recipient schools, we at Random House of Canada decided we needed to make a significant contribution to the Love of Reading Foundation to try to help even more Canadian children."

Heather Reisman CEO of Indigo Books & Music Inc said, "Only as a community can we draw the attention required to the chronic under funding of so many school libraries across Canada. Random House of Canada's donation to Indigo's Love of Reading Foundation will ensure that one more Canadian elementary school will have a rich selection of books in their libraries and classrooms. We applaud their generosity and hope our entire publishing community will join in helping to make a difference in the lives of Canadian children. "

Applications for the 2008 Indigo Love of Reading Foundation Grants are available at www.loveofreading.org, with the deadline for applications extended for 2008 until February 14th, 2008.

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About the Love of Reading Foundation and Indigo Books & Music Inc.

In addition to Random House's generous contribution, the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation is supported year-round by the care and concern of Indigo customers and employees through a variety of initiatives including donations in-store at Chapters, Indigo and Coles, and online at www.loveofreading.org, the purchase of designated fundraising items.

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