



# Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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TO: Board of Education  
Dr. Al Roberts  
FROM: Sheryl Marinier  
SUBJECT: Donation  
DATE: April 23, 2013

Judy Chrisman, a retired District 97 Teacher Librarian would like to donate a book to each of the 10 District 97 libraries, in memory of her mother, Erika Rosenthal (1914-2009) and her mother's cousin, Helga Herz (1912-2010). One of the titles, *The Mangrove Tree: Planting Trees to Feed Families* by Susan L. Roth and Cindy Trumbore (for K-5 schools) won the 2012 Jane Addams Peace Award for younger children and the second book, *Sylvia & Aki* by Winifred Conkling (for 6-8 schools) won the 2012 award for older children. The *Mangrove Tree* is a true story about a scientist who helped the people of Hargigo, Eritrea to plant trees that would feed them and their animals. *Sylvia & Aki* is based on a true story of a Mexican girl who was not allowed to enroll at the public school and Aki's family who was sent to an internment camp in California. The girls are friends to this day.

Ms. Chrisman hopes to donate books from the Jane Addams Peace Award list to the Oak park Schools annually.