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Oak Park District 97 Board Members,

Dear Board Members,

Thank you for all you do to support the students and teachers of District 97. Once again, I am making a donation of books to the District 97 School Libraries.

I am donating books from the 2015 Jane Addams Children's Book Award list. I do this every year in honor and in memory of my mother and my mother's cousin who both worked for peace, justice, freedom and equality. My hope is that the children and teachers in District 97 will enjoy these books and be inspired by them.

The winning picture book for 2015 was *Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and her family's fight for desegregation*, written and illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh. The honor books were *Shooting at the Stars: The Christmas Truce of 1914* by John Hendrix and *Whispering Town* written by Jennifer Elvgren and illustrated by Fabio Santomauro.

The winning book for older students was *The Girl From the Tar Paper School: Barbara Rose Johns and the advent of the Civil Rights Movement* by Teri Kanefield. The honor books were *Silver People: Voices from the Panama Canal* by Margarita Engle and *Revolution* by Deborah Wiles.

I am thrilled to say that many of the school libraries already have copies of these books, so I checked for the 2015 Coretta Scott King award books as well as the Pura Belpré Award books and found something for each library.

I got a total of 17 books which came to a \$250.00 donation. There are now several copies of each of these books throughout the District 97 libraries.

I wish you all a wonderful and productive end to the 2015-16 school year and thank you for your dedication.

Sincerely,



Judy Chrisman  
retired D97 teacher librarian

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