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This is a closed event but media are encouraged to attend for photos and interviews.

Morgan Family Foundation and Bring Me A Book Partner to Donate Bookcase Libraries to Sacramento's Robla Preschool

Media is invited to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony April 1st, 1:00pm at Robla Preschool 4351 Pinnell Street, Sacramento 95838 with attendance by Robla Superintendent Ralph Friend

(March 25) Bring Me A Book will host a ribbon cutting ceremony April 1st at Sacramento's Robla Preschool to commemorate the dedication of eleven Bookcase Libraries funded through the Morgan Family Foundation. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be attended by Robla School District Superintendent Ralph Friend and feature the dedication of the libraries to the preschool students and faculty with presentations from Bring Me A Book's Sacramento Regional Manager Jane Tsai Weaver and Robla Preschool Director Laura Lystrup.

Each Bookcase Library will feature a maple wood bookcase filled with high quality, hard cover children's classic literature with both English and Spanish titles to accommodate Robla's diverse student population and high percentage of English language learners. The libraries will be placed in each of Robla's eleven classrooms, serving to impact over 300 students in one of Sacramento's lowest income, state funded preschool sites.

"Robla Preschool is excited to launch what we know will be a long partnership with Bring Me A Book. Almost 100 Robla parents have already experienced its First Teachers workshops, and all our classrooms will benefit greatly from the new Bookcase Libraries. Both programs reinforce Robla's strong pre-literacy curriculum and family literacy goals. We are grateful to Bring Me A Book and the Morgan Family Foundation for bringing these wonderful assets to our 350 children and families." said Laura Lystrup, Director of Robla Preschool.

Robla Preschool is the latest site to implement Bring Me A Book's Preschool Library Initiative since the literacy nonprofit expanded its regional scope into Sacramento County in late 2007. Through a grant from the Morgan Family Foundation, Bring Me A Book has delivered Bookcase

Libraries in 25 classrooms and conducted 12 First Teacher training workshops to parents, community members and teachers. In total, Bring Me A Book has impacted over 750 parents and children in Sacramento over the last six months. In 2008 - 2009 Bring Me A Book plans to deliver Bookcase Libraries to 40 classrooms and conduct 15 First Teacher workshops to several more districts in Sacramento.

“Sacramento County schools are some of the most diverse in California with a high percentage of children living in low income neighborhoods. We view the Sacramento region as critical for Bring Me A Book to make a lasting impact on underserved children and families while providing valuable family literacy resources and support,” says Bring Me A Book Sacramento Regional Manager Jane Tsai Weaver.

The Bring Me A Book Foundation® is a 501 (c) (3) award winning literacy non profit headquartered in Mountain View, CA. Founded by Judy Koch in 1997, Bring Me A Book Foundation® provides libraries and training programs for children who do not have access to high quality books and reading assistance. Serving needy children and families in 14 states and 8 countries throughout the world, The Bring Me A Book Foundation® serves preschools, childcare centers, health clinics, homeless shelters and the work place. For additional information or media inquiries please contact Erin Smith via telephone (650) 625-5000 ext 224 or through email esmith@bringmeabook.org.

Bring Me A Book’s First Teachers Program workshops engage and educate parents, childcare providers and teachers on the critical importance of reading aloud to children. Through highly interactive instruction and dialogue, participants develop individualized solutions to overcome the challenges of daily read-aloud routines. Bring Me A Book conducted over 250 First Teacher workshops in 2007 in underserved communities throughout California.

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Artwork and Interviews Available on Request