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**Out & Up, Inc. has been awarded the Coretta Scott King Book Grant by the Ethnic and Multicultural Exchange Roundtable of the American Library Association.**

Macon, GA, February 14, 2007 -The Donation Grant was established to find a home for the books that the American Library Association (ALA) receives each year to be considered for the Coretta Scott King Author and Illustrator Awards, and to provide exposure to winning authors, illustrators, and books.

According to the association's web site, the purpose of the grant is "to help build collections and bring books into the lives of children in latchkey, preschool programs, faith-based reading projects, homeless shelters, charter schools and under-funded libraries."

Says Out & Up Executive Director, Patricia Walker, "We are just ecstatic about using these books in our children's programs. We plan on incorporating them into our after-school program and using them this summer as a part of our reading-intensive program for elementary school-aged children."

ABOUT OUT & UP, INC. – Out & Up, Inc., a 501©3 non-profit corporation, is the ministry arm of Greater Little Rock Baptist Church. Founded in 2002 by Rev. H. Larry Eason, its mission is to provide services to the community that will enhance its physical, educational, emotional and spiritual development.

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