

# Global Book Exchange



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To whom it may concern

This letter is a testament to some of Pari Livermore's achievements in helping to raise the literacy level and the educational dreams of children in Middletown, California -- especially the ones lucky enough to attend Minnie Cannon Elementary School, where she has mostly focused her efforts.

Ms. Livermore has provided funds for the Global Book Exchange to participate on three different occasions to help the Minnie Cannon children -- twice in 2012, then, most recently, just a month or so ago. And future plans are in the works.

The first occasion was in the fall of 2012. Sponsorship from Ms. Livermore allowed for the Minnie Cannon School to acquire free books for classroom use and for Minnie Cannon's after school program. Here is an email I received from Everett Brooks, then-Principal of the school, just before his visit:

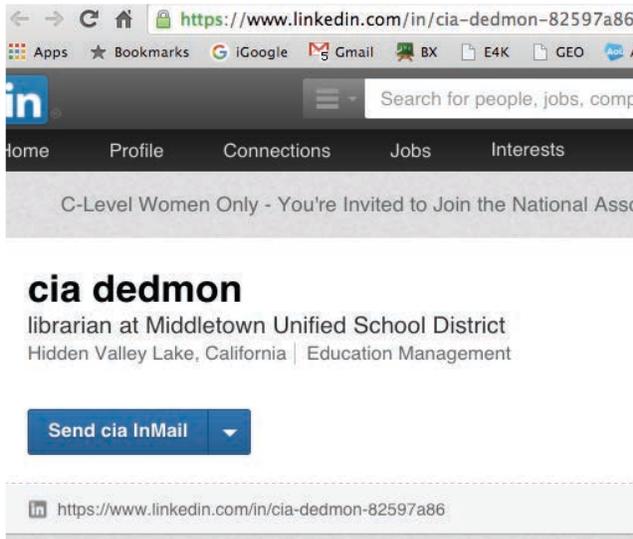
From: Everett Brooks <[everett.brooks@middletownusd.org](mailto:everett.brooks@middletownusd.org)>  
Date: Wed, Oct 10, 2012 at 8:33 AM  
Subject: Thank you, thank you, thank you  
To: [mnemzer@gmail.com](mailto:mnemzer@gmail.com)

Dear Mrs. Nemzer,

It was such a joy talking to you the other night. I have a school van ordered for this Saturday to make sure wind and rain are not a problem.... Thank you for this opportunity to obtain books for classroom use and for our after school program. Having reading materials instantly available to students after they finish a book should increase my millionaire club. Last year I had 5 students that read over a million words. I'm hoping for many more this year.  
.... I will visit again after November so that I can personally thank you, and provide you with a student reading update.

Sincerely,  
Everett Brooks  
Minnie Cannon Principal

The second occasion that sponsorship via Ms. Livermore allowed the Global Book Exchange to help Minnie Cannon School was in the later fall of 2012 (possibly early 2013), when Cia Dedmond, the Middletown School District Librarian, drove to our facility with a colleague (don't remember her name) to individually select, pack up and take back to the Minnie Cannon School Library about 16 large boxes of children's library books -- at least 500 books. The ladies spent 4 full hours, carefully choosing from thousands of books what would be best for their students.



At right: Some of the thousands of children's books available, for the taking, to the staff of Minnie Cannon School, thanks to Global Book Exchange sponsorship from Pari Livermore's programs.



The third occasion that we were able to help the children in Middletown through Ms. Livermore's sponsorship of the Global Book Exchange was very recently, just after the big fire in Lake County. As part of her scholarship program, Ms. Livermore created Daffodil Day -- a beautiful celebration of life and renewal. As a part of this event, all of the children who participate receive prizes, and this year among the prizes were 100 brand new age-appropriate children's books. Our own Marin community volunteers carefully chose and cellophane-wrapped each book so each one would be even more special.



Global Book Exchange wrapping books for Daffodil Day in Middletown



100 children's books, all wrapped, ready to go

Here is an excerpt from an email that Mr. Brooks wrote about this:

"The kids were fun and very excited to plant....and excited again at the raffle. I checked out some of the books...GREAT CHOICES. And a wonderful age range. I saw 3 kids that picked books when toys were available. They held them tight to their hearts and then walked around showing others their book. At the end there were books left over that MC kids were allowed to select as a second prize. There were lots of smiles."

In addition to the above, Ms. Livermore has provided for us to reach out to the school, even for future needs. Here is an email she asked me to write to the Minnie Cannon's new Principal, Shelley Tan, on her behalf about two months ago:

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**free books for kids on behalf of Pari Livermore**

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Marilyn Nemzer <mnemzer@gmail.com>

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to shelley.tan, Pari,

Hello Shelly

My name is Marilyn Nemzer. I'm a friend and colleague of Pari Livermore, the unstoppable people-helper!

Through my nonprofit, the Global Book Exchange, Pari would like to find a way to get books to the children who lost their homes, maybe a dozen books each, grade-level appropriate picture books, chapter books, non-fiction, etc. These would be books for them to take home keep.

There are lots of ways to do this. I have several ideas, which I'd just love to chat with you about. I know you are one very busy person with incredible challenges to deal with right now, but if you do have a few minutes -- anytime, any day -- I'd love to connect

A few years ago (in 2012) -- again, through Pari Livermore's kindness and generosity -- the Global Book Exchange supplied many hundreds of books to Minnie Cannon's library. At that time, Everett Brooks came down to our facility in San Rafael, as did some other folks from Minnie Cannon (I remember one named Cia).

Shelley, we also have a gezzillion textbooks, workbooks, manipulatives and other student and teacher resources. I just can't imagine what it must be like for you now, with all the challenges you must be facing related to the recent fire, increased enrollment, etc. Pari and I would love to help you, Minnie Cannon and the students just as much we can.

Please do get in touch at your convenience so we can explore, together, what the Global Book Exchange can do for Minnie Cannon and the students. You can write back or phone me anytime at my home office, [415-435-4574](tel:415-435-4574), or on my cell phone, [415-308-0939](tel:415-308-0939). I very much look forward to hearing from you!

Best regards,

*Marilyn Nemzer*  
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Through her support of education and literacy -- by making our books available to the students in Middletown, and through her very creative, motivational scholarship programs -- Pari Livermore selflessly gives hope and opportunity to a very deserving group of disadvantaged children. She continues to be an inspiration to us all.

Sincerely,



Marilyn Nemzer

P.S. My husband, Ken, and I were judges at one of Ms. Livermore's recent 4-H Scholarship events at Minnie Cannon. Here are a few photos I took:



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WE DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.**