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1 ELE Bookmobile receives Coretta Scott King Book Award
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5 The Early Learning Express (ELE) Bookmobile, the local
6 literacy enrichment program run by the Winston Prouty Center
7 for Child and Family Development, was a recent recipient of a
8 national in-kind book award donation grant.

9 The Coretta Scott King Book Awards are given annually
10 to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of books
11 for children and young adults that demonstrate an appreciation of

12 African American culture and universal human values. The award
13 commemorates the life and work of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.,
14 and honor his wife, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, for her courage and
15 determination to continue the work for peace and world
16 brotherhood.

17 As a part of the annual process of choosing award
18 winners and honor books, the Coretta Scott King Book Awards
19 Round Table (CSKBART) Jury Committee receives multiple copies
20 of over 100 titles by African American authors and illustrators,
21 including a full set of the year's winning and honor titles.
22 Agencies and institutions serving children can make use of these
23 valuable materials.

24 The CSKBART Donation Grant was created to help build
25 collections and bring books into the lives of children in preschool
26 programs, faith-based reading projects, homeless shelters, charter
27 schools, underfunded libraries, and other community
28 organizations. The ELE Bookmobile was selected as a recipient of
29 a selection of over 70 books appropriate for children ages birth to
30 5 years.

31 The grantors determined that the mobile library will
32 value the books and use them in a way that will lift up the African
33 American youth they serve. After being incorporated into the
34 permanent lending library, these books will promote literary
35 representation of Black children in the community and expand
36 the worldview of their classmates living in rural Vermont.

37 Serving Windham County since 1998, the ELE brings a
38 mobile lending library and literacy enrichment activities to 22
39 center-based childcare programs and 10 licensed family
40 childcare homes across 14 towns. In 2025, the program served
41 531 children through 678 interactive story time visits.

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