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Celebrating a dream come true

At the tender age of thirteen, Adele Ann Taylor wanted to "make a difference" in the world. Taking what she loved, reading, she founded Adele's Literacy Library®. Since inception, Adele's Literacy Library® (A.L.L.) has successfully donated thousands of brand new books and bookmarks to charitable organizations, schools, libraries and people of all ages with the intent to empower. Adele, now 16 continues the core belief of the power of literacy and striving for ways to combat illiteracy worldwide.

Within two years from the creation of the **Read ALL You Can™** program; the students in grades 1st through 4th have read an **AMAZING 23,255** books during a one month period! Adele's goal is to have **every elementary school in every state participate in the one month Read ALL You Can™** program.

ALL Says Go, which means Adele's Literacy Library® Says Global Outreach, is an initiative that Adele created in an effort to build libraries in remote areas that have a high illiteracy rate. Once built, these libraries will be self sustainable within the community while creating jobs as well as empowering education. ALL has partnered with another nonprofit, Under the Acacia and through this partnership; the **first chapter of an Adele's Literacy Library® is being built in Loita, Kenya.**

The first of its kind, **Greystone Learning Center** will not only house 4,000 books in the library, but will also have an internet based computer center; all powered by solar energy. Adele is extremely excited about this venture where ground breaking began in October 2011. Bookmarks exclusively created for Adele's Literacy Library®, designed by graphic designer Ernie Armstead of Print Kreations, depicts the commitment made to the people of Loita. This dual purpose bookmark and library card also has a quote by Adele on her philosophy on literacy.

Bookmark featured on page 4

"It was mind-blowing," exclaims Adele after being announced the "surprise" HALO Honoree on October 26, 2011. Page 3

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**Greystone Learning Center in Progress
Loita, Kenya**



Through a collaborative effort from three states over 70,000 bottle caps were sent to the women of the Massai tribe! The ALL Team collected over 11,000 bottle caps.

~ MAKING A DIFFERENCE ~ What are they saying?

In October 2011, some children were interviewed by Nickelodeon and asked how Adele and the Read ALL You Can™ (RAYC) program impacted them. We are sharing some of their comments in their own words.

“Adele taught me reading was fun.”
- Kamdeon

“If she was in my grade, she could be my best friend.”

“Adele makes me LOVE reading.”

“I read 250 books last year.”
- Tyler

“I guess I never care that much about reading, now I think reading has changed my life.”
- Makayla, 7

“I really look up to Adele as a role model. I want to be just like Adele.”
- Courtney, 10

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Q1 – 2012 Fundraisers & Events

January

~ “Storytelling with Adele”
St. Mathews Baptist Church
Children’s Garden

February

~ “Storytelling with Adele”
Friday, February 10
Fundraiser
Pfeiffer Community Center
Williamstown, NJ 08094

March

~ “Storytelling with Adele”
St. Mathews Baptist Church

Note: Events/fundraiser events listed were booked prior to newsletter going to print. Visit www.AdelesLiteracyLibrary.org for updates.

“Storytelling with Adele” Johnston Public Library - Hackensack, NJ

On a chilly Saturday morning on November, 5, Adele was up at 7:30am getting dressed. Not for school, but to do what she absolutely LOVES; reading. Adele attended the annual READ NOW BookFest at the Johnson Public Library in Hackensack, NJ to host “Storytelling with Adele”. She read and helped children pick out books and spoke about the importance of literacy. Adele’s Literacy Library® donated 200 gently used books! As usual this event was fun filled and due to the hard work of Lolly Burgin and her staff, it was a huge success.



Adele Taylor hosting “Storytelling with Adele” at Johnston Public Library.

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Adele Ann Taylor

Surprise TeenNick HALO Honoree



After Adele was approached by Nickelodeon to follow her for a project they were doing. After they filmed what Adele was doing with literacy, she was invited to attend the first televised HALO Awards as their guest. Adele and her mother attended the star studded event at the Hollywood Palladium Stage on October 26, 2011. Because Nickelodeon already announced the HALO honorees, Adele had planned on taking this opportunity to hang out with her mom and to network and have a good time. What Adele or anyone in her family did not know was that Adele was the **SURPRISE HALO Honoree**. She received recognition from Serena Williams, as well as some of the kids Adele has impacted. Adele was awarded money not only for her education, but for her organization. Target named Adele their Hometown Hero donating 25,000 books to three schools in Newark, NJ in support of Adele's Literacy Library®.

What a surprise of a lifetime for Adele who was escorted by Nick Cannon to the honoree table to join the other honorees! Just when Adele thought it couldn't get any better, there was one more surprise..... Jason Derulo came from back stage, handed Adele the HALO Award and began to serenade her, dedicating his latest hit "It Girl" to her! This was without a doubt, an evening Adele or her mother will never forget. The HALO Awards were televised on Nick at Nite at 8pm on November 6, 2011. Visit www.TeenNick.com for more information on the HALO Awards.



Adele Taylor & Serena Williams



Nick Cannon & Adele Taylor



Adele Taylor serenaded by Jason Derulo



Nick Cannon & Adele Taylor

2011 Brief Year in Review

A few highlights on Adele and Adele's Literacy Library® where 500+ books and 700+ bookmarks were successfully donated during 2011.

- JAN:** On CBS News/Dave Huddleston's "Brotherly Love" segment.
- FEB:** Adele featured and interviewed on L.A. Says Radio Show discussing her organization.
- MAR:** Adele selected a Three Dot Dash Global Teen Leader. Also, an honorable mention for Nestlé's Very Best in Youth 2011.
- APR:** 2nd Annual RAYC® Program. 5 schools participated where 2,176 students (1st through 4th grade) read an astonishing 18,271 books in one month. Adele also featured in Pockets Magazine in their "making a difference" section called "Kids Are Amazing."
- MAY:** Adele awarded Kohl's Store Winner for Kohl's Care Scholarship Program.
- JUN:** Adele a regional winner for the Kohl's Care Scholarship Program and awarded scholarship. Adele also featured on Independent Youth's website.
- JUL:** Adele notified as an ADESTE's 2012 Prestigious Gold Medal Nominee.
- AUG:** Selected as 1 out of 20 extraordinary youth for Janet Jackson's 20 Under 20 Up Close & Personal Concert/Tour. Partnership with Under the Acacia to build a Greystone Learning Center that will house an Adele's Literacy Library® in Kenya, Africa.
- SEP:** Adele's Literacy Library® donated over 11,000 bottle caps for the jewel wall Learning Center in Africa.
- OCT:** Adele awarded "surprise" HALO Honoree at the Hollywood Palladium Stage on October 26, 2011
- NOV:** Adele guest speakers: 1) Independent Youth's Teen Entrepreneurship Symposium in St. Louis, MO (Maxine Clark of Build-a-Bear is keynote speaker); 2) Brandywine Chapter of AFP – National Philanthropy Day for their Youth Philanthropy Session in Newark, DE.

Under the Acacia – Greystone Learning Center Library Card



**Adele Ann Taylor's
recommended winter
reading list.**

- ❶ **The Diary of a Wimpy Kid**
Author, Jeff Kinney
- ❷ **Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee**
Authors, Dee Brown & Hampton Sides
- ❸ **The Sense of an Ending**
Author, Julian Barnes
- ❹ **Bystandar**
Author, James Preller
- ❺ **The Best of Me**
Author, Nicholas Sparks
- ❻ **Heaven is for Real**
Author, Todd Burpo
- ❼ **Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25**
Author, Richard Paul Evans
- ❽ **Divergent**
Author, Veronica Both

UPDATE

In our Volume 2, Issue 2 newsletter we announced that Adele had defended her title and was the 2011 State Winner for NJ (South) in the category of Entrepreneurship and was competing for the National Title in California in July.

Adele did not place in the National competition, but took this opportunity to network, meet a lot of people, and enjoy some fun with her father who attended event with her.

Happy Holiday's

Please allow me to take a moment to wish everyone and their families a safe and blessed holiday season.

On behalf of myself and the entire team of Adele's Literacy Library®, wishing you a happiness, health and ALL things good in the coming year!

*Ready to read ALLways,
Adele Ann Taylor, Founder/CEO
Adele's Literacy Library®*