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2nd Annual Barnes & Noble Booksellers Statewide Bookfair to Benefit North Carolina Public Libraries

Raleigh, NC, (Sep.) - In a unique partnership with the State Library of North Carolina and the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association, Barnes & Noble Booksellers will hold voucher bookfairs in their North Carolina stores Friday and Saturday, October 24th-25th to benefit all North Carolina Public Libraries. More than \$7,000.00 was generated from the bookfairs in 2002. Funds raised by these bookfairs help public libraries purchase new books and continue to offer the full range of their educational and community outreach programs.

Bookfair vouchers will be available at local public libraries across the state of North Carolina. Vouchers must be presented at the time of purchase on Friday or Saturday, October 24th and 25th for a percentage of the sale to benefit the libraries.

"Readers from Murphy to Manteo—and everywhere in between—benefit from this joint venture of our public libraries and Barnes & Noble. We're so pleased about this exciting partnership." — Sandra M. Cooper, State Librarian, State Library of North Carolina.

Bob Fisher, Director, Robeson County Public Library in Lumberton — "This project continues the long-standing tradition of cooperative ventures between bookstores and libraries and will enhance their close working relationship."

"Barnes & Noble is very excited to be hosting the statewide bookfair to benefit the public libraries for the second year. The response we received last year from the patrons of the public libraries was phenomenal. And we hope to double the amount we are able to contribute to the public library system this year." — Kim Shoemaker, Barnes & Noble Regional Community Relations Manager.

Many Barnes & Noble stores in North Carolina will be hosting a variety of events to coincide with these bookfair dates.

The State Library of North Carolina, a division of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, works in partnership with local communities to develop and extend library services statewide, and the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association is the professional organization of the directors of North Carolina's 75 public library systems.

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