

WHITESTONE KIDS RECEIVE A GIFT OF READING FROM VALLO TRANSPORTATION
Grant to Queens Library Underwrites Summer Story and Craft Programs, Donates Books

WHITESTONE, NY, July 13, 2012 -- Children in Whitestone had a fun, educational treat this week: they enjoyed free story and craft programs at Queens Library, underwritten by Vallo Transportation. Two sessions were held for younger, then older, grade school children. Linda DeSabato, President, Vallo Transportation read aloud. The readings were followed by an age-appropriate craft and refreshments. Vallo Transportation has also donated books to the library.

"I've always felt that the library is a wonderful place that reinforces the wonders of reading and continually feeds your imagination. It's also serves as an excellent educational and entertainment resource that's available to everyone in the community. Vallo Transportation is proud to support the Whitestone Library's Summer Reading Program and help bring this fun and engaging program to local kids and their families," stated Linda DeSabato, President, Vallo Transportation.

"Queens Library is so grateful for the generosity of Vallo Transportation and other community partners. Their sponsorship extends the resources we have for important educational and recreational programs for all ages. Vallo's gift is particularly valuable during our popular summer reading program, with so many children crowding the library," said Thomas W. Galante, President and CEO, Queens Library.

Vallo's gift of new books is especially welcome since the library has been unable to purchase sufficient new materials due to budget shortfalls. Demand, particularly for children's materials during the summer, is high. More than 50,000 children are expected to participate in Summer Reading this year. It is fun. It is free. It is right in your neighborhood. All ages are invited to sign up at any Queens Library or online at www.summerreading.org.