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Livingston Diversity Council presents two youth programs for back to school month

September is back to school month. To help children transition back to the classroom, with its array of new friends and classmates, the Livingston Diversity Council is presenting two opportunities for elementary age children.

Throughout the county every public library, in cooperation with the Livingston Diversity Council, has special displays entitled "Don't Judge a Book By Its Cover" that center around the understanding and celebration of diversity.

As part of the displays, there are 20-25 recommended books for children ages 7 to 11, ready to be checked out and enjoyed. All libraries have bookmarks with the complete list, as well as information on the Livingston Diversity Council.

Book titles include "Amazing Grace" by Mary Hoffman, "All the Colours of the Earth" by Sheila Hamanaker, "Different Just Like Me" and "Families Are Different" both by Lori Mitchell.

For a complete list of books, visit www.livingstondiversity.org < http://www.livingstondiversity.org/ and click on the current events link

On Saturday, September 29, 2007, the Livingston Diversity Council will host an afternoon of creative fun for children ages 7 to 11 at the Brighton District Library from 1:30 to 4:30. The library is located at 100 Library Drive, Brighton,

Entitled "Diver's -City" the three-hour workshop will be directed by art educator, Valerie Reitzel of Lindbom Elementary.

Children will have the opportunity to illustrate their own personal "Diver's -City" book with a storyline centered around the underwater adventures of an array of sea creatures. The children will leave with a fully illustrated hard covered book to remember the experience.

There is no cost for the afternoon. All art materials and light refreshments will be provided.

Class size is limited to 25 participants, so pre-registration is required by calling 810-229-6571 ext. 223. Parental participation is not necessary, but is encouraged.