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Ellen Shuler, Executive Director  
South Carolina Center for Children's Books and Literacy  
University of South Carolina at the State Library  
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Dear Ms. Shuler;

It is our great pleasure to inform you that "Cocky's Reading Express" at the University of South Carolina has been formally commended by the Affiliate Assembly of the American Association of School Librarians at the 2008 Annual Conference of the American Library Association. Kitt Lisenby, President of the South Carolina Association of School Librarians brought your work to the attention of the Assembly. "Cocky's Reading Express" is recognized for bringing attention to the importance that books play in the lives of children.

The mission of the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) is to advocate excellence, facilitate change, and develop leaders in the school library media field. AASL works to ensure that all members of the school library media field collaborate to connect learners with ideas and information and to prepare students for life-long learning, informed decision-making, a love of reading, and the use of information technologies.

Once again, please let us acknowledge and congratulate you for bringing teachers and school librarians a step closer in the shared responsibility to help all children learn.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann M. Martin".

Ann Martin  
AASL President 2008-2009

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Irene Kwidzinski".

Irene Kwidzinski  
AASL Affiliate Assembly Chair, 2008-2009

Cc: Jennifer Habley, AASL Program Coordinator, Governance  
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