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Power for Kids, Inc. helps children by encouraging literacy and a lifelong commitment to reading.

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IN THE NEWS:

Writers Guild Foundation Continues Literacy Efforts

In their continuing effort to support literacy and education, the Writers Guild Foundation has created the following website: <http://www.wgfoundation.org/academicliteracy.htm>. Visit the site to learn more about the Foundation's efforts or arrange to have one of their featured programs presented at your school. Power for Kids is proud to be a part of this excellent initiative to encourage literacy in Southern California.

Major Fundraising Drive Continues

Responses to our fundraising drive continue to arrive. If you haven't received your copy of the May mailer, please email aryn@powerforkids.com with your mailing address. We hope to surpass last year's returns and will use the funds to expand the "Royal Readers" program. With budgetary cutbacks hitting schools across the country, the need for literacy programs from outside sources has never been more urgent.

Local Libraries offer Summer Reading Programs

With many children out of school for the summer, Power for Kids would like to encourage all families to participate in local reading programs this summer. Call or visit your local library to sign up for a reading challenge program. Be sure to ask them to put *The King of Skittledeedoo* on the list of titles for children ages 4-8. For online stories by Patricia Rust, visit <http://www.powerforkids.com/stories/stories.html>.

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Signed Copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo* Are Still Available

The King of Skittledeedoo is a wonderful learning tool for every child in your family, or your friend's family. It will help motivate your young students to read, read, read. A limited number of signed copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo* are still available. To order your copy now, visit www.powerforkids.com and click the "Buy" link at the top of the page.

CHILDREN'S CORNER:

Kids! Send us your summer poems!

We're holding a children's contest. To enter, send your summer poem or story to aryn@powerforkids.com or 12021 Wilshire Blvd. #924, Los Angeles, CA 90025. Your contribution will be posted at <http://www.powerforkids.com/kids/KidsWork.html>. To submit your own poem or story for our newsletter and website, send it to aryn@powerforkids.com.

The winner will receive a signed copy of *The King of Skittledeedoo*.

DONATION CAMPAIGN:

Power for Kids, Inc. Needs Your Help

It's the time of year to create tax write-offs and get kids excited about reading! As part of our continuing efforts to ensure that all children at risk for illiteracy have access to copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo* through their libraries and classrooms, and to make schools aware of the powerful tools offered through our website at www.PowerforKids.com, we need to send mailings to schools, increase the number of our school visits, print additional copies of *The King of Skittledeedoo*, manufacture literacy kits, and train literacy volunteers to create a national Royal Readers network. But we can't do it without you. We need funding to continue our imperative work.

Your donation of \$30 provides a child with a book and a Royal Readers learning kit.
Your donation of \$100 sponsors a classroom visit.
Your donation of \$500 sponsors a school visit with books donated to each classroom and the school library.

We also offer membership levels:

Silver club:

\$500-\$1000 – you will receive a signed copy of *The King of Skittledeedoo* and the link of your choice, either to your company or another organization with which you are affiliated, will be added to our website.

Gold club:

\$1000-\$5000 – you will receive a signed copy of *The King of Skittledeedoo* and your website banner link will be added to our website.

Platinum club:

\$5000 and up – you will receive a signed copy of *The King of Skittledoodoo* and your company logo will be featured prominently on our website, and your company link will be included in this newsletter.

Tax-deductible donations are now accepted online. Please visit

<http://www.powerforkids.com/parents/contacts.html> and click the “Make a Donation” link.

You can also mail your check or money order to:

Power for Kids, Inc., 12021 Wilshire Blvd. #924, Los Angeles, CA 90025.

If your employer offers a donation-matching, or employee-donation program, we are eligible to receive funds through it, as an educational organization. Please contact your human resources department for more information.

RECENT DONORS:

Responses to our spring mailing have already started coming in. We'd like to thank: Sharleen Cooper Cohen and Paul and Mary Ann Cummins for their generous donations.

CHILDREN'S STORY:

I Want That

by Patricia Rust

Tara was smart enough, but she had one bad habit. She would point to toys and say, “I want that.” This happened at toy stores, grocery stores, and friends’ homes. “I want that.”

This drove her older brother crazy. “She wants everything!” shouted Eric. “Why? Where will she put it all?”

Tara drove her best friends crazy too. Samira was happy to let Tara play with her toys, but before long, Tara would say, “I want that.” And if Samira came to play at Tara’s house, Tara would say, “That’s mine. Don’t touch it.”

Samira and Eric were worried. “I don’t think Tara is going to have any friends if she keeps this up,” Eric said.

"I know," agreed Samira. "I want to be her friend, but it's hard. She wants everything and shares nothing!"

Then Eric and Samira had an idea.

They hid all of Tara's toys, stuffed animals, and games in the closet. When Tara came home and saw her empty room, she screamed, "Where's all my stuff?"

"Stuff? Oh, that," Eric said. "Well, you had so much and still wanted more, so we gave your stuff to kids who really need it."

Tara didn't know what to say.

"That was my stuff! How could you give it away?" she cried.

"How could you not play with it and still want more?" Eric asked.

"Some kids are lucky to have just one teddy bear. You had thirteen!" Samira added.

Eric opened the closet and showed Tara that all her things were there. "We would never really give your stuff away," he said. "But you have more than enough, and we wanted to let you know it."

Tara thought about that. "You guys are right. I do have enough. Help me sort out my favorites and I'll give the rest to kids who don't have toys."

Eric smiled at Samira.

"I guess I thought people would like me better if I had the most toys," Tara said.

"Everyone will like you," Samira said, "if you are kind and caring and giving."

"Hmm," Tara said. "I want that."

(From a forthcoming book by Patricia Rust)
Read this story and others at www.PowerforKids.com.

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POWER FOR KIDS, INC. MISSION STATEMENT:

Power for Kids, Inc. helps children by encouraging literacy and a lifelong commitment to reading.

Power for Kids, Inc. is a grassroots literacy organization whose aim is to educate, motivate, and excite elementary school children to the wonders of reading at an early age. We believe that by reading to a child, helping one child at a time, we can stamp out this problem. Our organization's "Royal Readers" program provides books, interactive reading sessions, and educational activities for children at elementary schools across the country. Our "Create-A-Book" program empowers children by helping them write and bind their own books.

Our motto is Live, Laugh, Learn

Helping Kids Become Royal Readers!

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