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Subject: **Salt Brook Elementary School Library Media Bonanza and Art Show**

New Providence School District's Salt Brook Elementary School held their fourth annual Library Media Bonanza on Tuesday, May 21st. Media Specialist Michelle Demich and Technology Integration Specialist Julie Spoerl created a fun-filled family night highlighting literacy and technology. Students in grades K-6 and their parents were invited to experience a wide range of activities that reinforce critical literacy skills and the technology that is available and regularly integrated to enhance instruction at Salt Brook Elementary School.

Over 20 staff members including teachers, school counselors, nursing staff, and administration volunteered their time to host the various activities and stations. Sixth grade students also had the opportunity to volunteer, or sell Book Bling, which were fancy bookmarks made by the Sixth Grade Class as a fundraiser. Mrs. Spoerl's 5th and 6th Grade S.W.A.T (Students Who Assist with Technology) team also volunteered to help with the evening's technology sessions.

Exciting experiences included a Salt Brook Scavenger Hunt, Mystery Readers, Salt Brook Comedy Club, Fun with Food, and a Kids Karaoke Party. The new Green Screen was set up so students could take a photo with their favorite storybook character. Coding puzzles could be solved using the Dash and Dot Robots. Virtual reality goggles allowed students and parents to take an expedition and view student created virtual reality tours of the Salt Box Museum and the Sandy Hook field trip. Ms. Insetta, the New Providence Memorial Library Children's Librarian hosted the "Craftivity", where stories were read about space, and then constellations were created using marshmallows and toothpicks.

The Salt Brook Art Show was held in conjunction with the Library Media Bonanza for the first time. Michelle Hoogerhyde, Salt Brook Art Teacher, coordinated the display of artwork representing every child in the school. Students selected their favorite project

to show. Styles of art included drawings, paintings, mixed media, clay and plaster sculptures.

Salt Brook Principal, Jean Drexinger, states “I am so pleased that the students had a wonderful time at this event! The Art Show and Library Media Bonanza event is a great opportunity to come together and get inspired by our students artistic talents and love of literature. Special thanks to our teachers, families, and community members that helped to make this event so special this year!”