

# MILITARY FAMILY RESOURCE COLLECTION

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ONSLOW  
COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND CAMP  
LEJEUNE MARINE CORP BASE

# WHAT IS IT?

- The Military Family Resource Collection is a unique resource sharing partnership between Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune and the Onslow County Public Library.

# OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

- To provides a diverse range of books and media chosen to meet the special challenges faced by military children and their families.
- To ensure resources are utilized by military families, educators, counselors and other community partners who have a vested interest in minimizing the impact of the mobile, military lifestyle on children.

# HOW DID IT COME ABOUT

- Library administrators for Onslow County Public Library were approached by Ms. Julie Fulton, School Liaison Officer for Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune about the possibility of creating a military/civilian partnership. The main goal of the partnership was to enhance access to resources for local school officials and other community partners who work with military children and families who need assistance dealing with issues related to deployment, transition, trauma, loss, and academic stress.

# HOW DID IT COME ABOUT

- Julie Fulton's staff, representatives from the Coalition of the Military Child and Onslow County Public Library staff held multiple meetings to turn a concept into concrete ideas for the collection's partnership.
- After several meetings with library administrators and staff, a memorandum of agreement was drafted and accepted by both the Camp Lejeune and Onslow County officials.

# RESOURCES AND FUNDING

- The initial materials for the collection were donated by the Military Child Education Coalition, a group whose main focus is ensuring that military children have exceptional educational opportunities despite being exposed to military deployments and a transitional standard of living.

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- The Friends of the Onslow County Public Library allocated additional funding to expand and enhance the collection.
- Private donors contributed materials and funds.
- The School Liaison Officer garnered additional funding from within the Department of Defense.

# RESULTS

- To date the 228 items in the collection have circulated 1,069 times.
- 94% of the items in the collection have been used.
- Those titles that deal with the unique family experiences related to military deployment have been used the most.



# CAN THIS BE REPLICATED

- This project could be easily implemented in other military communities who wish to foster a cooperative spirit between military, civilian, and educational communities. In fact, the school liaison officer for Camp Lejeune is already in discussions with several other military installations about this project and the process utilized to bring this project to fruition.

# RECOGNITIONS OF THE PROJECT'S BENEFITS

- **On June 22, 2010 the partnership between Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune and the Onslow County Public Library was awarded the prestigious Pete Taylor Partnership of Excellence Award by the Military Child Education Coalition at their annual conference in National Harbor, Maryland. The award recognizes the importance of establishing relationships between military installations and the school districts that serve military installations. With the establishment of this particular partnership, Onslow County Public Library was recognized as an instrumental participant in a model that bridges the access gap between the Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune School Liaison core mission and the needs of the local school district and other community partners.**
- **This 2010 NCPLDA Award for Programming is also a much welcomed recognition.**

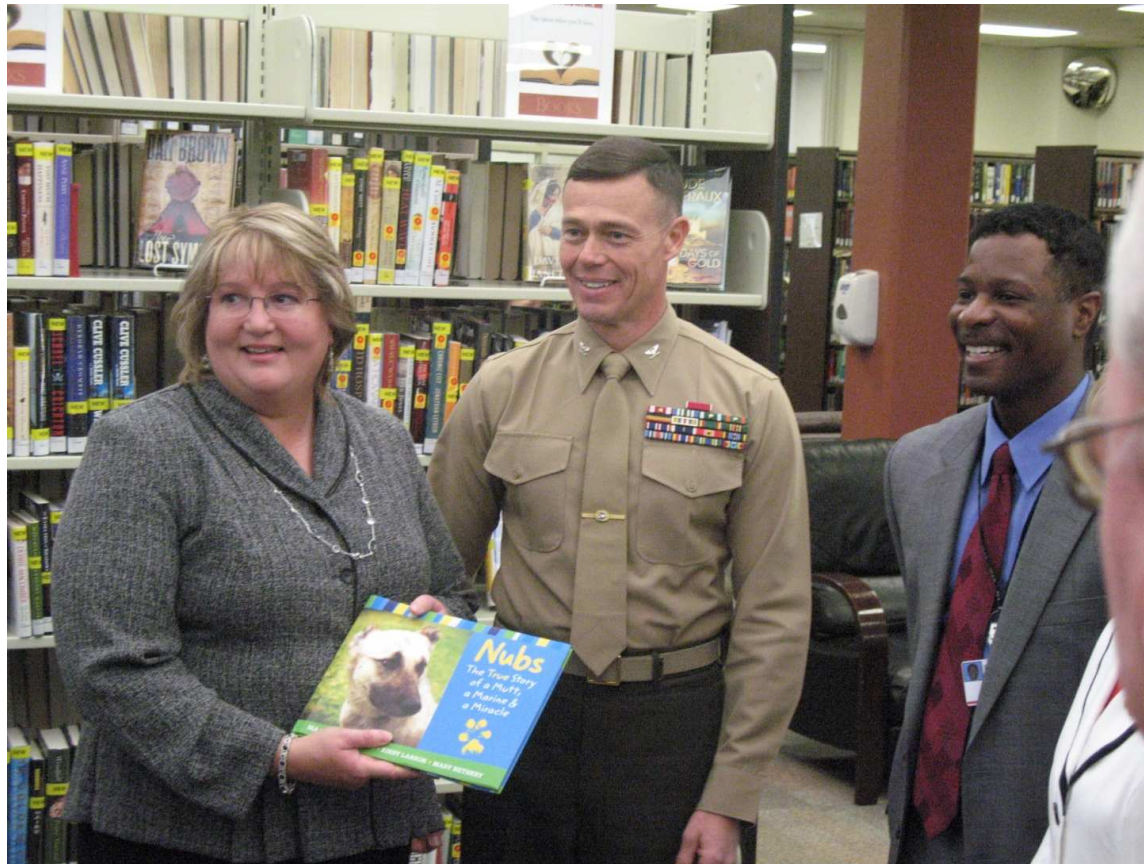
Grand Opening attendees included commissions,  
local Chamber execs and Base staff



# Preparing to cut the ribbon for the new collection



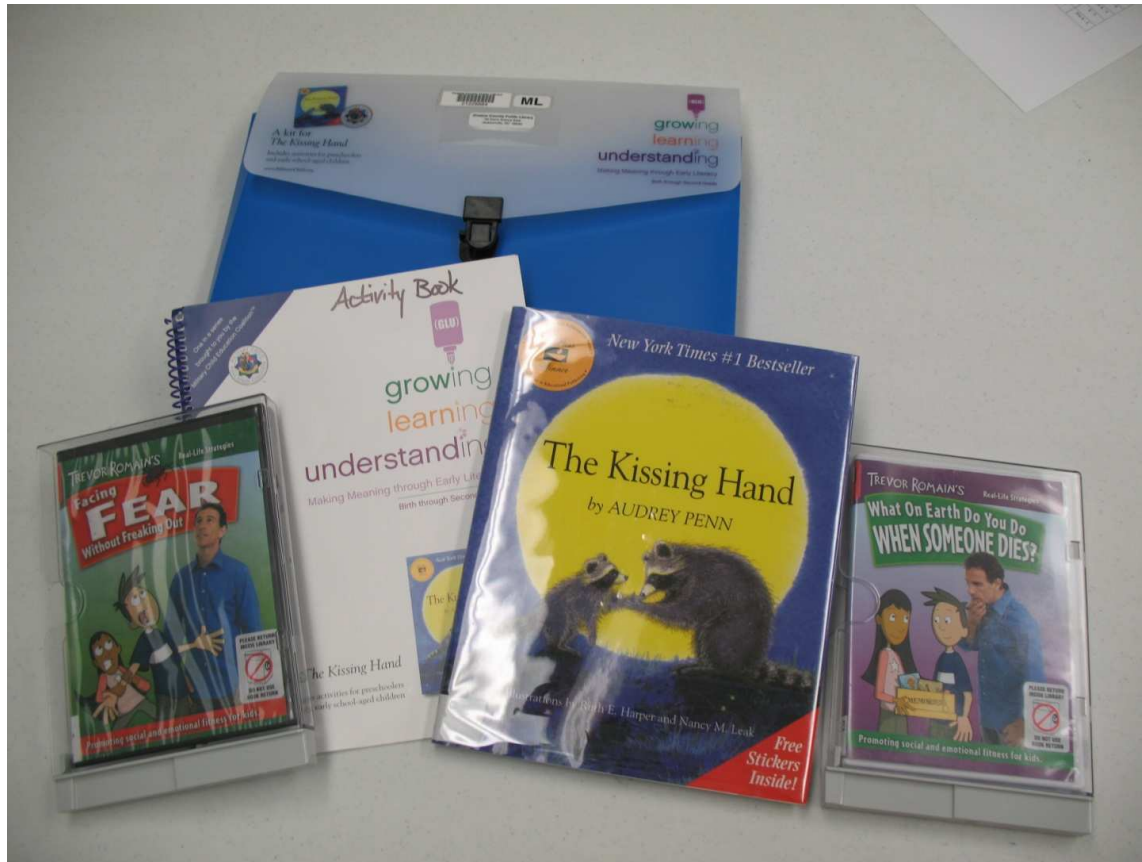
# Colonel Flateau donates a very special book to the collection



# Base Commander Flateau tells why this book is a very special donation



# Example of items included in the collection



Another image to show the kinds of items and subject matter in the collection





TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ITEMS IN THE  
MILITARY FAMILY RESOURCE COLLECTION

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