

Fishbowl Donates Software; Catalogs Levels Reading Library for Teachers and Students

-Database Ensures Books are Available for Reading Programs-

SPRINGVILLE, Utah, Aug. 11, 2009—CherryCreek Elementary School had a problem. The books and resources in the library for its levels reading program were unorganized and uncataloged making it difficult for teachers to find the items they needed for their students. Fishbowl, makers of Fishbowl Inventory, decided to do something about it.

Friday, the company closed its doors for the day and went to the school to help out. The company and its 65 employees spent the day cataloging books and resources into a Fishbowl Inventory database.

In a room full of computers, Fishbowl employees gathered the books, checked the quality, made repairs if necessary, wrote a brief description of each series, photographed, organized, entered each series of reading books into the database, and then shelved them properly in the library.

The database puts all of the library's books at the fingertips of the teachers who can now look them up directly on the system. Fishbowl donated the inventory management software so teachers and school officials would be able to continue keeping the library organized.

"This was something we were uniquely qualified to do," said Cade Close, Fishbowl software specialist and coordinator of the service project at the school. "We're just doing what we do for companies all over the world—installing our software and helping them inventory their most important items."

In preparation for their work, Close and other employees went to the school twice to prepare and organize the day so everything would be ready on Friday.

Surrounded by a buzz of activity, CherryCreek Principal, Mark Balzotti said, "There was basically no way we could have done this on our own. Fishbowl employees were everywhere and they got a lot done in a very short period of time. As a school, we are so grateful for their time, organization, and expertise—our teachers and students will be the beneficiaries of their service."

When classes begin on August 19, the new database will allow teachers to search for reading titles from their classroom computers instead of doing it by hand in the library. Students need to read a different book each day and this will create a more efficient way of ensuring they get what they need.

Fishbowl will also be donating training so school officials will be able to continue using the Fishbowl database. In addition to the cataloging, Fishbowl employees did a variety of other tasks such as building bookshelves, cleaning out lockers, and swapping out old computers for newer ones in labs and classrooms.

When asked why Fishbowl would provide such a service to the school, Close said, "As a company we have been very blessed—especially during these economic times. When you've been blessed like we have, it's important to share these blessings with others."

About Fishbowl

A private company based in Orem, Utah, Fishbowl and its cornerstone product, Fishbowl inventory, make it possible for every small to mid-size company to have the level of flexible and mobile inventory control solutions large organizations enjoy. Since 2001, Fishbowl has become the #1 requested inventory solution for QuickBooks. For QuickBooks users, the flexible and cost-effective combination of QuickBooks and Fishbowl can grow along with you as your company grows. Fishbowl Inventory is available from www.fishbowlinventory.com and from a growing network of VARs and online channel partners throughout the U.S. and Canada.