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INTERNATIONAL READING PLAQUE COMES BACK TO CANADA ***Speed Readers II from Coquitlam win challenge with perfect score!***

Abbotsford, BC - The final rounds of the Global Reading Challenge were held April 15, 2011 at the University of the Fraser Valley Videoconference Centre. The *Speed Readers II* from Panorama Heights Elementary in Coquitlam and the *Gummy Bears* from Gordon Greenwood Elementary in Langley competed in three rounds of Reading Link Challenge (RLC) competition to beat out 105 schools, 443 teams and 3101 students in grades four and five to participate in the Global Reading Challenge.

The RLC winners battled it out with *The Aqua* from Bryant Elementary and *Silver Falcons* from Thurgood Marshall Elementary, both from Seattle, for the International Reading Plaque. In the spirit of reading for sport, the teams were questioned on their knowledge retention of four pre-selected books.

After three rounds of questions, the *Speed Readers II* from Coquitlam won the challenge with a perfect score. They will hold the International Reading Plaque in their school until the 2012 Global Reading Challenge!

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About Fraser Valley Regional Library

Fraser Valley Regional Library is the largest public library system in British Columbia, with 24 community libraries serving over 680,000 people in its service area. Established in 1930, it is funded with taxes raised in the communities it serves, plus a Government of BC operating grant. The governing Board consists of elected officials representing 15 member municipalities and regional districts. With its mission "to connect people to the world of information and ideas," FVRL plays a prominent role in the communities throughout the Fraser Valley.

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