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KAPPA DELTA PI STUDENTS MAKE MITTENS FOR LITERACY

Silver City, NM – The Alpha Epsilon Kappa Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education, at Western New Mexico University will host “Mittens for Literacy” at the Silver City Library on Wednesday, December 7 at 11:00 a.m. as part of the organization’s national community service initiative *Literacy Alive!*.

Kappa Delta Pi members have raised funds by selling spirit sticks at the football games. These funds helped to purchase yarn at the Yada Yada Yarn shop where patrons knitted mittens for the young readers. Volunteer knitters include Suzi Calhour, Mary Dearhamer, Karen Porter, Pat Bouchard, Awish Baechtle, Pam Gibson, Jacque Cusick and Becky Glenn.

Young readers who attend the story time will be rewarded with a pair of mittens that complements the theme of the Russian folk tale, “The Old Man and His Mitten.” The mittens, at least 38 pairs of them, are currently on display at Yada Yada Yarn in downtown Silver City.

Literacy Alive! was named a finalist in the 2010 Tom’s of Maine 50 States for Good Campaign, which funds projects like Alpha Epsilon Kappa’s *Mittens for Literacy* across the continent. Through *Literacy Alive!* more than 24,000 children and their families are involved in a wide range of literacy skills-building programs that encourage lifelong learning. The Kappa Delta Pi Educational Foundation and the membership of Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education support the initiative. More information about these organizations is available at www.kdp.org.



Pictured are Wanda Snyder, KDP Treasurer; Soila Jaynes, KDP Secretary; Suzi Calhoun, Store Owner of Yada Yada Yarn; Dr. Ann Harvey, KDP Sponsor; Pam Schwarz, Silver City Public Library; Tia Driver, KDP President.

Located in Silver City, New Mexico, Western New Mexico University has served the people of the state of New Mexico and its surrounding areas as a comprehensive, regional, rural, public coeducational university since 1893 and caters to a student body diverse in age, culture, language and ethnic background.

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