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Walmart donates \$7,500 to Chicago Read-In

Event to encourage literacy among inner-city children

Literacy came to life during The Literacy Live! Chicago Read-In presented by children's book author, Jil Ross. Children had the chance to learn about literacy through non-traditional art forms and modalities during the one-day event held at Kennedy King College inside their new theater.

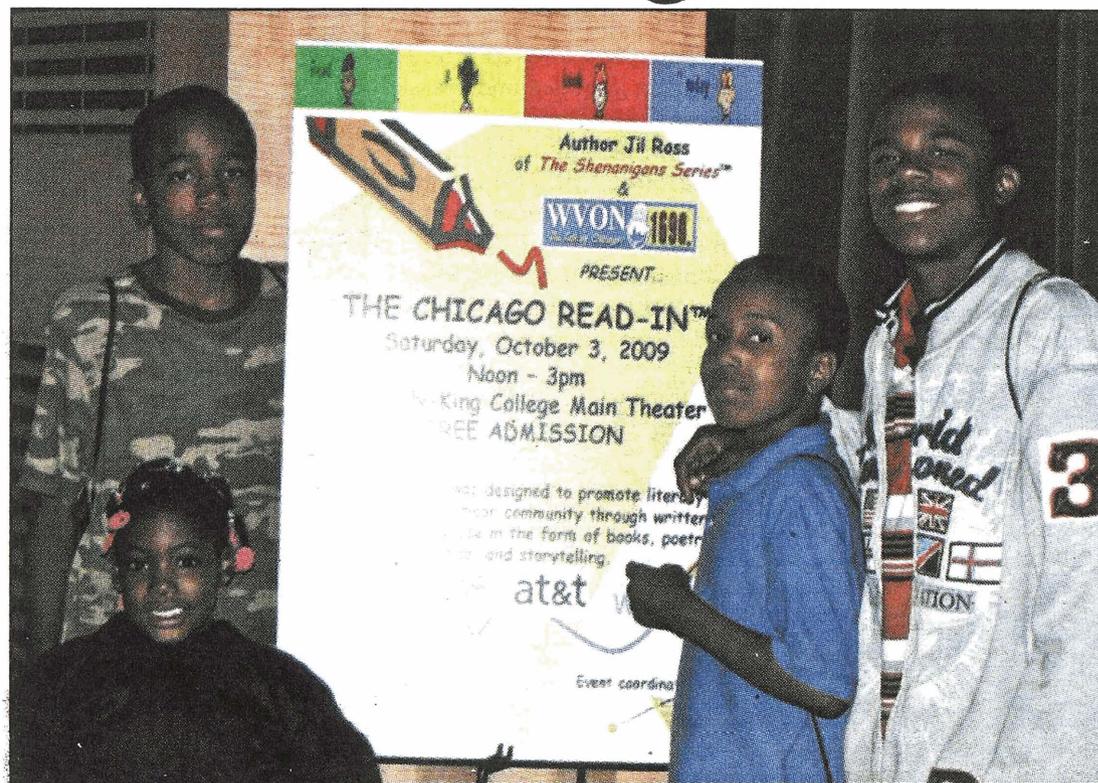
Walmart was a proud sponsor of The Literacy Live! Chicago Read-In held on Oct. 3. The program included discussions with children book authors, story tellers, dance and tap performances, mime performance, spoken word and author discussions. It was a day of live art and literary expression.

"My passion to create this event for urban Chicago was developed out of a desire to introduce youth to wholesome artistic expressions rather than the violence and sex (through videos and music) that many of them commonly see; and to introduce them to a way of

thinking critically and being creative and positive, in a non-traditional form. It's a beautiful and inspiring event," Ross said.

The Chicago Read-In was designed to encourage literacy by bringing American writers and authors to life for inner-city children by providing an opportunity for attendees to meet them in person. Youth and their families also were introduced to non-traditional forms of literacy through such things as theatrical performances, dance, mime and spoken word. The mission of Literacy Live! was designed to redirect children of their educational and life choices versus being distracted by television, videos and violence and other negative reinforcements that is commonly seen in their homes, schools and community.

"The Literacy Live! Chicago Read-In is a great opportunity for children and their parents to have fun with while learning about literacy," said Tara Stewart of Walmart. "Walmart is excited to be a part of



CHILDREN GET READY to participate in the Chicago Read-In held at Kennedy King College. They enjoyed a variety of live art including children book authors, story tellers, dance and tap performances, mime performance, spoken word and author discussions.