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*New Edition of Valuable Collection Development Tool Released;
“Best of the Best” to be showcased at 2007 ALA*

(June 11, 2007) New York – Some of the most significant and thought-provoking books you may never have heard of originate from scholarly publishers. It is from these titles that a library’s collection can benefit most, and now there is an easy way to preview the best.

Librarians who work daily with high school students and the general public have selected, reviewed, and rated 527 books published in the last year by nonprofit scholarly publishers. Running the gamut on subjects from Globalization to Jazz; from Buddhism to Hollywood; from the Middle East Peace Process to Attention Deficit Disorder, these books present lively scholarship to match any interest.

The 17th edition of University Press Books Selected for Public and Secondary School Libraries is now available in print and online at:

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This popular and trusted acquisitions resource is the product of a longstanding and successful collaboration between AAUP, the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), and the Public Library Association (PLA).

More than 13,000 copies will be distributed free to librarians across the country, and through its online format, available to librarians around the world.

To launch this new edition of the bibliography, a special program entitled “The Best of the Best of the University Presses: Books You Should Know About” will be presented at the summer meeting of the American Library Association on June 24 in Washington DC.

At the session, five librarians from the AASL and PLA selection committees will present 23 of their favorite titles from the bibliography. By providing a public forum, this annual session increases awareness and use of the bibliography in collection planning. AAUP Marketing Manager Rachel Weiss-Feldman remarked, “Since first coordinating the program in 1999, I’ve seen its attendance grow from 13 librarians to an expected 85-plus in 2007.”

A list of the titles to be presented can be found at www.aaupnet.org/programs/marketing/library/bestofbest07.html. Publishers will contribute copies of the books to be raffled off to the librarians in attendance.

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The presenting librarians will converge from states across the country: **Paul J. Gregorio**, Portland Community College, Portland, OR; **Christina Maria Beard**, Plainfield Public Library District, Plainfield, IL; **Karen Perry**, Wiley Middle School, Winston-Salem, NC; **Terri Lent**, Patrick Henry High School, Ashland, VA; and **Hilary Albert**, Mahopac Public Library, Mahopac, NY.

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