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### Librarian Establishes Children's Literature Endowment

The Alpha Geoffrey Demetrius Children's Literature Endowment was recently established in behalf of the New Mexico State University Library by librarian Helen M. Barber, who recently retired from NMSU. Once this fund is fully endowed, the annual earnings will be used to purchase award-winning children's books. These books are intended to be accessible to all users of the Library.

The endowment is named in memory of Helen's cat, Alpha Geoffrey Demetrius. According to Helen, Alpha was a pale yellow domestic shorthair Abyssian, "who taught his human to observe the world through the eyes of a cautious but very courageous feline."

Gifts are being accepted for the Alpha Geoffrey Demetrius Children's Literature Endowment from all who have known and loved, or been loved by, special cats and children. Gifts may be sent to the NMSU Foundation at P.O. Box 3590, Las Cruces, NM 88003. For more information, please contact Jeanette Smith at the Library at 646-7492.



Helen Barber



Alpha Geoffrey Demetrius

