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Rockwell Elementary School Library, Alabama, U.S.A. / Greenfield Elementary School Library, Canada

Spanish Fort, AL, U.S.A.

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Rockwell Elementary School Library in Spanish Fort, Alabama, made a connection with the Greenfield Elementary School in Prince Edward Island, Canada. "We invented our relationship as we went along," writes librarian Gayle Robinson, "sharing information on our areas, sending Chamber of Commerce information, etc. I had given some demographics of our area and was very fortunate to find Greenfield Elementary School such a close match to our area. Over the course of the year, children from both schools exchanged letters and some packages, Greenfield media specialist Gail Finniss and I were in contact often, and I kept our teachers informed. This project was confined to the 2nd grades at both schools. Our children were surprised to receive one group of letters written in French, which my library clerk was able to translate for them." Community response was positive: there were several newspaper articles relating to the project, and the library received a \$500 grant from a local women's club to purchase Canadian library books, which "have proven to be very popular with the whole school, not just 2nd grade." The two libraries have kept in touch this year as well. "My husband and I have long talked about a trip up the East Coast to Canada and it looks like we will finally make it this year. I hope that while we are there we will be able to meet Gail and possibly visit her school. This project has been a lot of fun and is still in progress."