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Press Release

NEW LITERACY AMBASSADOR DIONNE PEART WITH LITERARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF HER OWN JOINS READ ACROSS JAMAICA FOUNDATION

Washington, DC, June 29, 2015 – Washington, DC Author Dionne Peart has a familiarity and understanding of literary expectations in the craft of story creation that the Read Across Jamaica Foundation finds adds to content delivery of its literacy initiative.

Ms. Peart has been involved in volunteer activities with Read Across Jamaica Foundation for several months, helping to revamp the East Coast region volunteer participation and activities that helped to build a brand for Read Across Jamaica. She will head up several local initiatives incorporating the original advocacy campaign and will help build a social media presence for Jamaican authors. “I am anxious to increase the conceptualization of service partnerships, among other initiatives, and I look forward to collaborating with the Board on strategic planning for the upcoming year.”

“I’m also looking forward to working with Read Across Jamaica and building on the organization’s accomplishments in promoting literacy.”

A published author, Dionne Peart has been invited to read at such events as the Caribbean American Heritage Month Literary Festival, the Juneteenth Book Festival and the Organization of American States. She has also been a guest speaker for the SEC, EEOC and the Greater Washington Area Chapter of the National Bar Association.

Ms. Peart has always loved writing, and in her sixth year of law practice, she decided it was time to pen her first novel, Somerset Grove. The story is a multi-generational saga about a family of three Jamaican women dealing with internal strife, dreams deferred, and cultural clash. She recently followed that up with her second release, Butterfly. Her work has received favourable reviews from the Jamaica Gleaner and was noted as “part of an emerging genre of writing by Jamaicans in this society,” by the Jamaica Observer. As an avid reader, Ms. Peart was drawn to the mission of the Read Across Jamaica Foundation to help children develop a love and appreciation for literature.

As an attorney, Dionne has always recognized the important role that literacy plays in a person’s development and in increasing available career opportunities.

Dionne has a busy slate of interests, volunteering with a variety of organizations in addition to her writing activities. Given the choice though, she says she is most excited to work with Read Across Jamaica. “Thinking about what this organization can do for our young people is really energizing.”

As an author, she sees the value that the Read Across Jamaica Foundation brings to the international community and supports its effort to focus on capacity building, an area that is needed to continue the organization’s advocacy and commitment to the communities it serves and to benefit children and families across Jamaica and the United States. She’s encouraged by Read Across Jamaica’s interest in furthering community engagement and building partnerships in other countries in the Caribbean.

“I’m excited to be part of the movement Read Across Jamaica Foundation has created and the Foundation’s literacy initiative,” says Peart.

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