



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**EMPIRE HOLDS CHRISTMAS BOOK FAIR  
TO BENEFIT JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY**

JOPLIN, MO – December 14, 2017 – The Empire District Electric Company will hold a Scholastic Book Fair on Thursday and Friday, December 14 and 15, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at their office located at 602 S. Joplin Avenue, to benefit Jefferson Elementary School.

Empire has served as the Business in Education partner for Jefferson Elementary School for more than 20 years. A committee of Empire volunteers assists the school with various projects throughout the year, including a book fair.

According to committee member, Rick Stockton, who is heading up this year's book fair, "We enjoy holding this book fair each year because it gives employees and community members the opportunity to shop for fun educational Christmas gifts while benefitting Jefferson Elementary students. Each book fair purchase will result in a donation of 'Scholastic dollars' for the purchase of books for the school."

Since 2003, Empire Book Fair patrons have provided over \$11,000 in sales to fund the purchase of more than 1,000 books for the school.

Based in Joplin, Missouri, The Empire District Electric Company is a subsidiary of Liberty Utilities Co. and headquarters for the Liberty Utilities Central Region, providing electric, natural gas, water, and wastewater service to nearly 320,000 customers across six states. A subsidiary of the company provides fiber optic services. For more information regarding Empire, visit [www.empiredistrict.com](http://www.empiredistrict.com). For more information about Liberty Utilities, visit [www.libertyutilities.com](http://www.libertyutilities.com)

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