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ALABAMA GETS CAUGHT READING!

What do American Idol Taylor Hicks, Pulitzer-Prize winner Cynthia Tucker, Atlanta Braves pitcher Tim Hudson and “Heroes” actor Ashley Crow have in common? They love to read. And they love to encourage others to read.

These notable Alabamians and several others are showcased in a set of nine “Alabama Gets Caught Reading” posters created by the Alabama Center for the Book at Auburn University.

More than 45,000 posters are distributed free of charge by the Alabama Center for the Book to every school, library and bookstore in the state. Sets also go to literacy centers and other locations serving children and young people. The series is supported by the Alabama Public Library Service through the Institute of Museum and Library Services and by the Alabama Power Foundation.

In addition to Hicks, Tucker, Hudson and Crow, Alabama First Lady Patsy Riley, the Gee’s Bend Quilters, Olympic silver-medalist Coby Miller, Auburn University mascot Aubie and University of Alabama mascot Big Al are featured on the posters.

The 2007-2008 poster series is the second produced by the Alabama Center for the Book. The project received the prestigious Boorstin Award from the Library of Congress and was selected as a national model by the Association for American Publishers for reading promotion.

The Alabama Center for the Book, the state affiliate of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, is located in the Caroline Marshall Draughton Center for the Arts & Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts at Auburn University. It sponsors the annual Alabama Book Festival and the statewide River of Words and Letters About Literature contests, as well as “This Goodly Land: Alabama’s Literary Landscape,” an online literary map of the state.

For more information on the project, or to request a free set of posters while supplies last, please call the Alabama Center for the Book at 334-844-4946 or acftb@auburn.edu.

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