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**Springfield Little Theatre Announces
Partnership Between SLT and Ozarks Literacy Council**

Springfield MO - October 19, 2009 - Mission: To promote literacy and inspire students to have a greater appreciation of the arts through providing quality live theatre performances of grade appropriate reading curriculum.

Audience: Nearly 2000 Springfield Public School 4th graders

Date: Tuesday, October 27 and Wednesday, October 28 at 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Production: *Disney's Alice in Wonderland Junior*

Springfield Little Theatre is excited to present four special performances of *Disney's Alice in Wonderland, Jr.* free of charge to Springfield Public School fourth grade students. The SPS PTA Council has provided funding for the bussing of the students to the historic Landers Theatre and a donation to the SLT organization of \$500 to make these performances possible. Following the performance, every student in attendance will also receive an Activity Booklet with content specially developed by the Ozarks Literacy Council to reinforce the students' experience and comprehension. This collaboration will provide schools with an integrated program titled Literature To Life that encourages reading and links the students and subject matter to the live performances presented on-stage.

The objective of the Literature to Life program is to make reading entertaining for children and teachers. The program will give students a new form of access to literature by bringing to life the world of the book with performances that create an atmosphere of discovery and spark the imagination. Literature to Life encourages reading, writing, and critical thinking, providing a catalyst for learning and self-expression.

The Literature to Life program provides an opportunity to enhance learning, helping students to further develop their thinking skills, creativity and problem solving ability. In an effort to integrate arts with the curriculum, it is the program's goal to provide inspiring and quality entertainment that encourages the student to value the reading process in new found ways.

For over seventy years, **Springfield Little Theatre** has been the center of cultural life and entertainment in the Ozarks. SLT is dedicated to maintaining that heritage by presenting the best of live theatre in an environment reflecting a rich past and an exciting, fulfilling future.

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