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CONTACT:Gretchen Coughlin
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Chelsea, MA. May 19, 2008 - Metro Credit Union collected over 500 books during the Massachusetts Credit League's Children's Book Drive. The books were collected at Metro branch locations and were donated to the Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea.

The Massachusetts Credit Union League designated the month of April as "Children's Book Month". The Annual Book Drive, now in its eighth year, benefits thousands of underprivileged children throughout the state. Coordinated by the Massachusetts Credit Union League, the month long book drive gives area credit unions including Metro Credit Union the opportunity to collect new and used books that will be distributed to children throughout the state. The goal of the book drive is to give the gift of reading to children and their families who don't have the resources to purchase books of their own.

Last year Metro Credit Union along with 46 other credit unions took part in the month long book drive and collected over 20,000 books through Member and employee donations. The books were distributed to many non-profit agencies in cities and towns throughout the state. The total number of books collected over the past seven years is now approximately 150,000.

Metro Credit Union is one of the largest credit unions in Massachusetts with over \$700 million in assets, and serves over 100,000 members. Established in 1926 and based in Chelsea, Metro offers superior service, convenience and a full range of financial products for consumers and businesses in eastern Massachusetts. Metro has nine branches conveniently located in Chelsea, Burlington, Framingham, Lawrence, Lynn, Peabody, Swampscott, and Tewksbury. Metro is also the credit union for over 1,800 companies in Massachusetts and their employees.

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