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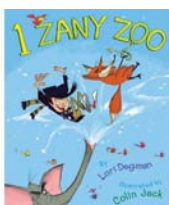
Mac alumna featured as Cheerios New Author

JACKSONVILLE, Ill. – Young athletes dream of having their pictures on Wheaties boxes. Lori Degman will take Cheerios.

Degman, a 1979 MacMurray College alumna, won Cheerio's "New Author Contest" for her children's book, *1 Zany Zoo*, bringing her a \$5,000 prize from Cheerios and a resulting book deal with Simon & Schuster. Her book, illustrated by Colin Jack, is slated for publication in July.



Her Cheerios debut is this month, with the first shipments already showing up in grocery stores. The boxes show the cover of her book through a clear panel on the front, and on the back is her picture as the winner of the Cheerios New Author Contest., *1 Zany Zoo* is a rhyming and counting story about a boy's visit to the zoo and the animals' antics. The box contains a small paperback version of the book.



Ms. Degman majored in Deaf Education at MacMurray and has a master's Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education from National-Louis University. She works with students who are deaf or hard of hearing in the Chicago suburbs, where she lives with her husband, John. They have two sons in college.

On the Web:

Lori Degman's Web site: www.loridegman.com

1 Zany Zoo's Amazon.com listing: <http://www.amazon.com/1-Zany-Zoo-Lori-Degman/dp/1416989900>

Simon & Schuster's listing: <http://books.simonandschuster.com/1-Zany-Zoo/Lori-Degman/9781416989905>

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