



2012-13 Educational Grant Application
Deadline: Wednesday, March 7, 2012, by 4pm

Name of Grant: _____Authors in Allen -- Sharing Our Resources _____

Name of person(s) submitted by: _____Brenda Steffens , Shelley Privett, Tracy Bulot_____

Campus/Department: ___Reed, Rountree, Boyd_____ **Grade Level(s):** _____K-6_____

Total Dollar Amount Requested: _____\$3000_____

Number of students who would be involved/impacted by grant: _____1500 students _____

Name of principal or immediate supervisor who will approve submission: _____Rachel Kaiser_____

Project Summary/Purpose: Be specific. What is the **student need** which the project will address? The purpose should describe **what students will know and be able to do** as a result of this project. Please explain how a problem will be addressed or a situation improved because of the grant.

*Students in our schools need to be exposed to a variety of learning experiences. Through these experiences, they gain an appreciation for what the world around them has to offer. Through these experiences, our children are better able to communicate with others, share like experiences, and expand intellectually.

It is up to us to provide our students with as many educational experiences as possible. Many of the students in our three schools do not get much exposure to storytellers, authors, artists, musicians, etc. These kinds of programs help "round out" our children to be the best that they can be.

Project Description: How will the project or program be implemented? Describe activities and tasks. Who is the target population and in what ways will they benefit?

*This project proposes that the elementary schools of Reed, Rountree, and Boyd work with the Allen Public Library to share some of the speakers, authors, storytellers, or other performers that will be presenting at the public library.

The Allen Public Library brings in many wonderful programs that are presented to the public each year. Our goal is to share some expenses, possibly extend the duration of the presenters stays in Allen, and work to bring these programs into our schools---hopefully for a cost less that what it would be to bring in similar programs by ourselves.

Prior to a program being presented in the school, the students will be prepared for it. Displays will be made, books, artwork, music will be shared---depending on the presentation. Students will have background information on the program in order to fully enjoy the presentations.

The target population will change according to the program. The intention is that all students will have an opportunity to experience a program (or more) throughout the school year.

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Which Allen ISD goals/TEKS does this project support? Limit to top two or three examples.

*This project would support the ideals set forth as "The Allen Way," for example:

- We believe every child deserves the highest quality education.
- We hold ourselves accountable to every child who walks through the door.

We would also be supporting the following reading objectives.

- Applying knowledge of literary elements
- Using strategies to analyze
- Applying critical-thinking skills

What specific measurements will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the project?

*Students and teachers will provide constant feedback of the enjoyment and enrichment of the author/storyteller visits.

What teaching methods will be used to implement this project?

*The librarian and classroom teachers will:

- Give background information on the presenter
- Read to the students the books or other information that corresponds with the program
- Have the students do research that will prepare them for the program.
- Display materials for student library check-out that relates to the program

Timeline for project (Funds will be available after September 1, 2012):

*September 2012 -- May 2013

Explain how this idea or project enhances/supports Allen ISD curriculum or existing systems:

*This grant will allow this project to be used as an enrichment opportunity for our students. By doing this, we are supporting the district's interest in creating life-long learners.

Include any additional comments or information (attach additional pages if necessary):

*We believe that it is imperative to enrich our students' lives in every way possible. Allowing them the opportunity to hear, to see, to experience programs that promote the enjoyment of reading and the arts is vital for the growth of well-rounded individuals. For some of our students, school is the only place for them to gain these experiences.

We believe that this grant embodies the vision that goes along with the Jeannette's Story Memorial Fund, and we would like to be considered for this grant.

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Grant Budget: specific product numbers, vendor addresses, etc **are not required** on this budget page. The name of the product or the type of training or estimated cost of transportation is sufficient.
***Please round numbers to the nearest dollar amount.**

Instructional Supplies	Vendor / Supplier	Cost per Item	Total
Technology	Vendor / Supplier	Cost per Item	Total
Staff Dev / Training	Vendor / Supplier	Cost per Item	Total
Transportation	Vendor / Supplier	Cost per Item	Total
Other Expenses	Vendor / Supplier	Cost per Item	Total
Author/Storyteller Programs shared with Allen Public Library		\$1000 per school (x3 schools) This cost is approximate. The individual programs may vary in cost. \$500 per program (x2 programs throughout the year per school)	\$3000
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED			\$3000

Are there any additional funds available for this grant? Campus or district funds? PTA funds? If you have or will be seeking funds from any other sources to help with this project, please explain.