

General Information

Grant Number	595
Project Title	ALLEN Reads
Please select the MAIN curriculum area your grant addresses.	English/Language Arts
Does your grant have a technology component? (Will you have technology equipment, software, etc. in your budget?)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Primary Contact Information	
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Campus	Curtis Middle School
Main Subject	Other
Grade(s)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">K Pre-K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12</div>
I have co-applicants.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Media	
Please provide your work-related social media contact information.	
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/friendsoftheallenpubliclibrary
Twitter	@allenfriends ; Curtis Middle School Library: @curtis_library
Other (please specify)	http://allenfriends.org/ Friends of the Allen Public Library website

Describe details of the project

Grant Number	595
Campus/Student Information	
Your campus:	Curtis Middle School
Will other campus' be involved/impacted by this grant?	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Please select all campuses that will be involved/impacted by the grant.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Anderson Elementary Bolin Elementary Boon Elementary Boyd Elementary Chandler Elementary</div>

Cheatham Elementary
Evans Elementary
Green Elementary
Kerr Elementary
Lindsey Elementary
Marion Elementary
Norton Elementary
Olson Elementary
Reed Elementary
Rountree Elementary
Story Elementary
Vaughan Elementary
Curtis Middle School
Ereckson Middle School
Ford Middle School
Lowery Freshman Center
Dillard Special Achievement Center
Allen High School

Your grade(s): K,Pre-K,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12

Will other grades be involved/impacted?

- No
 Yes

Please select all grades that will be involved/impacted by the grant.

- K
- Pre-K
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12

Project Purpose

What is the problem, need, or opportunity that this grant will address? Explain **what students will know and be able to do** as a result of this project and/or how a problem will be addresses and/or how a situation improved because of the grant. (500 words or less.)

ALLEN Reads is a one-book program under the leadership of the Friends of the Allen Public Library. It is unique in one-book programs in that related books are chosen as "companions" to the main book to promote families and all generations reading and talking together.

The Friends of the Allen Public Library coordinates this annual community project in which a book is chosen for the whole community to read and discuss. Activities often include book discussion groups, an author or illustrator visit, a movie, a play, and other guest speakers. The library, Allen ISD, and all of Allen's civic groups and community organizations support this effort.

The idea of a One Community - One Book program was pioneered in 1998 by The Washington Center for the Book, located at the Seattle Public Library. Since then, dozens of communities across the U.S. and Canada have developed one book projects that have brought people of all ages and backgrounds together to enjoy literature that expands our world, and to talk about what really matters to us as human beings. As Mary McGrory wrote in the Washington Post, "the city that opens the same book closes it in greater harmony."

The Friends of the Allen Public Library, in partnership with Allen ISD staff members, Allen Public Library librarians, and numerous representatives from Allen community organizations and businesses began meeting in January 2007 to plan Allen's first shared reading program. During the past decade of reading together, more than 25 groups, organizations and businesses in Allen have supported the ALLEN Reads initiative through monetary and in-kind donations.

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? (500 words or less.)

The ALLEN Reads community reading program has been a great success. As the committee begins planning for the 11th year of this reading project, the goal will continue to be to involve readers across the city, with a desire to cross gender and cultural lines and create topics that will generate good discussion in the community.

ALLEN Reads committee has already begun the selection process for our next annual program. Committee members submit suggestions to the board and after extensive discussions, a main book and its companions will be chosen. Once the books have been chosen, events will be planned around the main theme of the books.

ALLEN teachers and staff play a large part in motivating students to read and participate in campus events related to the project and city events. It is important for students to have access to copies of the selected text as well as audio of the text for younger readers and/or striving readers. The committee is requesting an extension of last year's proposal in order to continue providing multiple copies of the selected text at each ALLEN ISD campus. The Foundation for ALLEN Schools grant has funded the placement of an average of 160 books per year in ALLEN ISD libraries.

Specific information correlating school events and events planned by the ALLEN Reads committee will be coordinated through the ALLEN Literacy Cadre members on every campus and the by the ALLEN Library Media Specialists. Typical events include: Celebrity Readers, video conference book talks, author and illustrator visits, writing pieces, as well as art and musical programs.

Over the past decade, ALLEN Reads has brought in 13 authors, 4 author/illustrators, and more than 50 guest performers/programs to ALLEN; every year several schools benefit from a visit by one of these ALLEN Reads guests. Shelley Privett, Rountree Elementary Library Media Specialist, says these guests have a great impact on the students. "It's like a superstar is coming to visit us and there is a buzz of excitement and enthusiasm throughout the campus!"

In addition, each year the Celebrity Reader program brings ALLEN community leaders including Mayor Steve Terrell, Chief of Police Brian Harvey, Fire Chief Bill Hawley, and City Councilmember Baine Brooks into ALLEN schools to read to students. Chief Hawley reflects on his experience in the ALLEN Reads "A Decade of Reading Together" video, "Every year I have been a part of the program and I've seen a kind of chain reaction, if you will, where one parent talks about it and their positive experience reading the book with their child and they recommend it to others and then it just grows and grows and works its way through the community."

Further information, including the "Decade of Reading Together" video, can be found at <http://allenfriends.org/allen-reads/>

Project Summary

Provide a brief summary for use on the Foundation's website and social media. (2-3 brief sentences)

ALLEN Reads encourages the entire community read the same book or set of books. The grant provides copies of the selected books to all campus in ALLEN ISD, and the students have access to community events related to the books.

Allen ISD Goals/ TEKS

Which ALLEN ISD goals/TEKS does this project support? Provide only two or three examples.

Participating in the reading and discussion of the selected text will develop these Language Arts skills and knowledge: (a) vocabulary development; (b) using context to determine meanings of words and phrases; (c) establishing a purpose for reading such as to discover, interpret, and enjoy, draw upon their own background to provide connection to texts; comparing text events to their own and other readers' experiences.

Measurement

What specific measurements will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the project? (500 words or less)

1. A survey of teachers, use of the ALLEN Reads books and related materials will be conducted.
2. The library media specialists will be asked to report on related programming and the circulation of the books and audio
3. At the district level, I will coordinate reports to ALLEN Reads and the Foundation Board at regular intervals during this project and at its conclusion.
4. After each community and school program, a "program evaluation" form provided by the Friends of the ALLEN Public Library will be given to program participants in order to obtain feedback.

Teaching Methods

What teaching methods will be used to implement this project? (500 words or less.)

1. Book discussions and literature circles around the selected text and other related titles, including the following: (a) analyses of characters' and author's points of view, motivations, and changes; (b) connecting, comparing, and contrasting ideas, themes, and issues across texts.
2. Cross-curricular nonfiction investigations and reports on related topics.
3. Journal, story, and poetry writing related to students' experiences.

Timeline

What is the project timeline and the date of implementation?

Spring 2017-- The ALLEN Reads Committee will select a main book along with companion books and design program plans for 2017-2018 ALLEN Reads
September 2017 -- Begin publicity and purchase books for campuses
January - March 2018 -- City-wide events extending the reading and book discussions will be implemented, including author or illustrator visits and music programs.

Curriculum/System Support

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

At the district level, literacy cadre members and library media specialists will oversee the integration of these books and related activities into the regular classroom instruction, including the science and social studies cross-curricular components.

Budget Details ** All awarded funds will be available by September of the next school year.

Budget Item	Item Type	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
ALLEN Reads books	Instructional Supplies or Resources	20.0	125	2500.0

BUDGET TOTAL 2,500

Are there any additional funds available for this grant? Campus or District Funds? PTA funds? Let us know if you have or will be seeking funds from other sources to help with this project.

Additional funds? No
 Yes

Please Explain

The ALLEN Reads committee will seek other grants and community funding sources.

Signature page and principal contact

Principal Approval Required

Please provide the Name and Email of your PRINCIPAL. (Not your name)

First Name	Last Name	Email Address(Completed)
Sonya	Pitcock	Sonya_Pitcock@allenisd.org

Applicant Signature

By entering my name below I signify that I understand that if I move within the District and have written the grant myself, I may take the grant with me to my school (as long as it is appropriate for my classes). If I have written the grant as part of a team, I will leave the grant behind with the team. If I leave AISD, I will leave the grant with the school for which I wrote the grant. As a condition of this grant, I will complete an evaluation form provided by the Foundation.

Signature B. Kay Hawkins

Date 03/10/2017

Principal's approval form

I certify that this would be a good use of funds for our school and this grant supports the district goals and/or our campus improvement plans. **Do NOT include any identifiers, such as: campus name, your name, teachers name or mascot **

No actions possible.

Comments

I accept this proposal.

History and final disposition of application

State Change History

State Change *****
03/10/2017 15:47:21
Submitted

State Change *****
03/13/2017 12:05:11
Accepted

Grant Status

Grant Awarded Yes
 No

Award Amount 2000