



Foundation For Allen Schools Grant Application

Scholarship Fund Amount: \$0

Application #: AP204815

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Gender:

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High School:

Post Secondary School:

Application Status: Submitted

Application Questions and Answer

Question	Answer
Preferred name/name that you go by:	Brenda Kay
Best phone number to reach you at:	+19728961674
Campus	Curtis Middle School
Grade(s)	Kindergarten;1;2;3;4;5;6;7;8;9;12;11;10
I have co-applicants:	No
Please provide your work-related Facebook contact information.	https://www.facebook.com/friendsoftheallenpubliclibrary/
Please provide your work-related Twitter contact information.	@curtis_library
Name of Grant	ALLen READS
Please select the MAIN curriculum area your grant addresses.	English Language Arts (Secondary)

Does your grant have a technology component?	No
Will other campuses be involved/impacted?	Yes
Will other grades be involved/impacted?	Yes
How many students will be involved in this grant?	5000
Are there any additional funds available for this grant?	Yes
<p>What is the problem, need or opportunity that this grant will address? Describe the impact of this project on your students.</p>	<p>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. For over a decade, more than 25 groups, organizations and businesses in Allen have supported the ALLEN Reads initiative through monetary and in-kind donations.</p>
	<p>The ALLEN Reads community reading program continues to be a great success. The committee is continually planning for the program. The books for the 2020-2021 program have been selected and were</p>

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

revealed in a special ceremony on January 31st. As always, the goal of the project is 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 are chosen. Once the books have been chosen, events will be planned around the main theme of the books. AISD 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 continued support from the Foundation for Allen Schools 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 AISD Literacy Cadre members on every campus and the by the AISD Library Media Specialists. Typical events include: Community Readers (formerly 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 14 authors, 5 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. In addition, each year the Community Reader program brings ALLEN community leaders including Mayor Steve Terrell, Chief of Police Brian Harvey, and City Councilmember Baine Brooks into Allen schools to read to students. Former Fire Chief Hawley reflected 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/>

ALLEN Reads encourages the entire Allen community to

<p>Provide a brief summary for use on the Foundation's website and social media.</p>	<p>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, such as author and illustrator speakers, writing presentations, and musical performances.</p>
<p>Which Allen ISD goals/TEKS does this project support? Please provide 2 or 3 examples.</p>	<p>English Language Arts and Reading/Strand 1 Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, discussion, and thinking--oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion. The student is expected to: (A) listen actively to interpret a message, ask clarifying questions, and respond appropriately;</p> <p>English Language Arts and Reading/Strand 2 Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. The student is expected to: (A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected text; (B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information;</p> <p>English Language Arts and Reading/Strand 4 Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to: (A) demonstrate knowledge of literary genres such as realistic fiction, adventure stories, historical fiction, mysteries, humor, and myths; §113.11. Social Studies (9) Government. The student understands the role of authority figures. The student is expected to: (A) identify authority figures in the home, school, and community;</p>
<p>What specific measurements will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the project?</p>	<p>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.</p>
	<p>Book discussions and literature circles around the selected text and other related titles, including the following: (a) analyses of characters' and author's points</p>

<p>What teaching methods will be used to implement this project?</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>What is the project timeline and the date of implementation?</p>	<p>Books for ALLEN Reads will be purchased as soon as funds are available for the 2020-2021 school year. The Community Reader program will begin as soon as books are distributed to the schools, and continue through October 2020. The program will culminate with author visits in October.</p>
<p>Explain how this idea or project enhances/supports Allen ISD curriculum or existing systems.</p>	<p>The goals of ALLEN Reads align with those of Allen ISD. ALLEN Reads is designed to stimulate interest in the pleasure and importance of reading; engage the residents of our community as we come together – in schools, families, book groups, civic organizations and more – to discuss the book and the issues it raises; encourage reading at all ages; include everyone, especially those new to the country or community; bring the community together through shared activities and experiences. The schools' participation in ALLEN Reads promotes family involvement in reading which encourages lifelong learning. In addition, through ALLEN Reads programs such as the Community Readers' Program, students will have the opportunity to meet community leaders that exemplify the citizenship and sense of community that we believe is essential to our students' education. 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.</p>
<p>Total Grant Budget Requested:</p>	<p>2000</p>
	

Project Budget Set Number 1

Question	Answer
Item Type	General Supplies
List item to be purchased under item category:	books
Unit Cost	20

Quantity	100
Total cost of items in this category:	2000