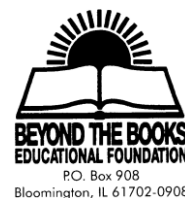


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...is a not-for-profit corporation whose goal is to provide a long-term, self-sustaining financial base to fund innovative academic programs in Unit 5 and District 87 public schools.

Organized in 1992, the foundation is a group of private citizens and is not part of either school district. The Boards of Education of both districts encouraged the Foundation's formation and strongly support its efforts.



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2016-2017 GRANT AWARDS

Educators in Unit 5 and District 87 submitted **77** applications requesting a total of **\$108,302**.

The Foundation awarded **\$40,825** toward **32** projects.

Since 1992, **\$635,237** has been awarded to support **724** projects.

Elementary Schools

Benjamin	Christine Sewell, Annie Lee, Dawn Goldman, Carol Johnson ~ \$350 ~ <i>Cupcake Wars</i> Jessica Stutz, Amy Johnson, Amy Brooks ~ \$400 ~ <i>Everything is Awesome Logo Club</i> Jennifer Gibson, Lisa Callis, Nikki Piercy ~ \$158 ~ <i>What's the Weather?</i> Tena Sprau, Tracie Ghrist, Mary Aper, Mallory Hayes ~ \$1,600 ~ <i>Phenomenal First Grade Light and Sound</i> Annie Lee ~ \$380 ~ <i>Social Studies Mind Missions</i>
Cedar Ridge	Lyndra Webb, Carla Hansen, Heather Jones ~ \$1,400 ~ <i>Discovery Learning in the Classroom!</i>
Field / NCHS / NCWHS	Michelle Brown, Collette England, Dawn Sheppelman, Susie Zink, Marissa Frietsch ~ \$400 ~ <i>SEEDS (Students Exploring Extraordinary Discoveries in Science) Garden Project</i>
Colene Hoose	Ashleigh Tucek, Karen Mercer, Tom Triezenberg ~ \$379 ~ <i>Biking to Success</i> Ashleigh Tucek, Tom Triezenberg ~ \$393 ~ <i>Calm Bodies, Focused Minds</i> Karen Mercer, Natalie Shumaker, Ashleigh Tucek ~ \$396 ~ <i>Learning with Legos</i>
Oakdale	Kelly Gallick ~ \$370 ~ <i>Pounding out the Pounds – Using Drums Alive in Physical Education</i>
Oakland	Rhett Felix, Annette Langellier ~ \$200 ~ <i>Mark Me Up!</i> Alycia Carroll ~ \$392 ~ <i>Express Yourself!</i>
Sheridan	Leah Crews, Kissy Mercer ~ \$1,500 ~ <i>"Wrap Me Up, Spin Me Around, and Send Me Back to Class!"</i>
Stevenson	Katharine Corley ~ \$393 ~ <i>"I'm Building! It's Growing!" Making Little Ideas Real</i> Annie McWilliams ~ \$2,194 ~ <i>EYE can communicate!</i>
Sugar Creek	Len Childers, Karen Showalter ~ \$400 ~ <i>BUILDing my Social Skills</i>
Washington	Kelly Mathy, Shinnosuka Sawada ~ \$1,247 ~ <i>Mental Math Calculation Power Japanese Abacus Instruction</i>

Junior High / Middle Schools

- BJHS Helen Brandon ~ **\$390** ~ Building Community with Chess
EJHS Katherine Brown ~ **\$1,278** ~ *Bringing Literature to Life through Student Book Trailer & Blogs*
EJHS / Fox Creek Rachel Hughart, Kelly Reardon, Blair Broker, Katie Kindermann ~ **\$5,000** ~ *Training Teachers on Transformative Methods and Techniques*
KJHS Courtney Knowles, Chelsea Keyser, Barb Hartseil ~ **\$3,000** ~ *One Author, One School: Reading and Writing with Roland Smith*

High Schools

- BHS Jamie Codron, Don Anderson, Paul Weltha, Steve Clapp, Kay Robbins, Mark Gardner ~ **\$4,998** ~ *Find Your Own Fitness*
NCHS Brad Bovenkerk ~ **\$400** ~ *A Book by its Cover: Practical Publishing to Increase Writing Engagement*
NCWHS Meghan Hawkins ~ **\$1,500** ~ *The Statecraft Simulation ~ Crafting a Perfect World*
Devin Wilson, Vicki Kafer, Kim Rohlwing, Dave Lehr, April Schermann ~ **\$245** ~ *Using Geoboards to Investigate Circles and solve crimes*
Amanda Long ~ **\$250** ~ *Ion: A Compound Building Game for Chemistry*
Beth Smith ~ **\$352** ~ *Random Acts of Art*
Teri Wilson, Barb Bush, John Mackinson, Robert Scornavacco, Kevin Enderlin ~ **\$400** ~ *Reaping What We Sow*
April Schermann ~ **\$2,560** ~ *Computer Science for All – Using Robots to Make Learning come to Life*
Barb Bush, Teri Wilson, Paula Birsa, Vasthi Schwarz, Nicole Holiday, Jennifer Walls ~ **\$5,000** ~ *Ready, or Not....Before It Comes*

Joint Unit 5 and District 87

- Sugar Creek / BHS Tracy Hitchins, Jodi Hall ~ **\$2,900** ~ *Big Brains Teach Little Bodies*

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Monies for this award are provided by the Shirk Family Foundation

\$10,000

Bloomington Junior High, Bloomington High, and Sheridan Elementary Schools
Mike Jones, Michele Chon, Nicole Bounds, Jen Weaver, Anne Besler, Kristi Sutter, Ashley Schnittker

STEM Read – Learn the Science, Live the Book

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn." (Ben Franklin)
This project will provide an experience that allows students to love the book and live the science. STEM Read blends science, technology, engineering, and math (a.k.a. S.T.E.M.) lessons to inspire readers to learn, play and explore. Readers will enjoy the books on their own or in groups and then meet to explore the science behind the fiction through hands-on activities and games working in teams while competing against others for survival. We will partner with NIU's SmartSpace to develop three read events (two middle school and one elementary) open to all Bloomington/Normal students. Writers and NIU staff will be brought in to work with the students and teachers. Curriculum materials will be offered for free before and after the events for teachers and parents to support both STEM and reading; books will also be donated to libraries.