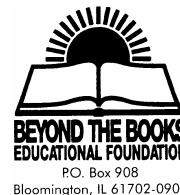


## BEYOND THE BOOKS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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### 2005-2006 GRANT AWARDS

Educators in Unit 5 and District 87 submitted seventy applications requesting a total of \$73,742. This year the Foundation is awarding **\$26,025** toward **thirty-eight** projects. Since 1992, \$192,704 has been awarded to support 270 projects.

#### Elementary Schools

- Anne McDowell; At-Risk Pre-K Program; \$1,150; Friends Learning Lessons for Life: Pre-K Character Education –** Forming a partnership with students and families to promote positive traits of honesty, respect, responsibility and courage.
- Lisa O'Dell; Fairview; \$1,490; An Enriched Study of U.S. Regions –** Fourth grade students will gain access to books, audio-visual resources, and online field trips to explore the geography and history of the United States.
- Nancy Mazur, Michele Schaber, Bridget Frederick; Fairview; \$630; Phonemic Awareness Activity Program –** An interactive listening program to help primary students develop phonemic awareness and a readiness for reading.
- Sheri Olson, Meredith Denher, Sonya Perez, Beth Thorson-Beaty; Fairview / Fox Creek / Oakdale / Pepper Ridge; \$1,500; Growing Responsible Children, Through Love and Logic –** Promoting positive relationships with children while providing firm behavioral limits, unconditional compassion and maintaining logical consequences.
- Susan Layden; Fox Creek; \$180; Interactive U.S.A. Map –** Students will learn to locate, describe and explain geography of the United States by region while moving kinesthetically around a large U.S.A. map.
- Jan Meadows, Jon Hovey, Angela Trask, Emily Preckwinkle; Glenn; \$990; Magic Treehouse - No Boundaries –** Based on the Magic Treehouse stories the "interest tubs" will expand and enrich students' skills in the world around them.
- Beth Fletcher; Grove; \$179; Reading is exSIGHTing!!! –** This project provides children with extra reading support both at home and in school so that they will be able to successfully read sight-words.
- Linn McDonald; Irving; \$800; Bridging the Gap with Smart Board Technology –** Creates a Smart Board technology area in the school's learning center allowing classrooms to use an interactive whiteboard for cross-curricular lessons and activities.
- Sally Kerber; Northpoint; \$174; Reading – Keep it Simple, Make it Fun –** KISMIF will make reading fun through use of props and materials. Packets will provide hands on visual experiences to aid in recalling facts and retelling stories.
- Kris Pennington; Pepper Ridge; \$500; "Specials" in Pre-K Classroom –** Implementation of PE, music and art into the Pre-K At-Risk program to help students become proficient in all domains of the Illinois Early Learning Standards.
- Britta Armstrong-Mitchell, Kathy Mandros, Carrie Kieser, Candi Vercruyse; Prairieland; \$600; Amazing Alphabet –** Alphabet learning materials to help students develop associations between letters/sounds leading to increased beginning reading skills.
- Britta Armstrong-Mitchell, Kathy Mandros, Carrie Kieser, Candi Vercruyse; Prairieland; \$600; F.A.R.M. - Families are Reading More –** Farm theme kick-off, reports, and incentives to increase reading at home and develop early literacy skills.
- Carol Johnson; Prairieland; \$125; Non-fiction Books for Research –** Non-fiction books will be used to help improve reading, writing, and researching skills of fifth grade students
- Phyllis Pederson, Sonja Huddleston, Ken Hamerlinck, Ellen Lorber; Sheridan; \$700; The PACER Project - Parents And Children Enjoying Reading –** Resembling "Oprah's Book Club", first grade students will read and share books from various reading genres with their parents.
- Lisa Ellis, Barb Franklin; Stevenson / Raymond; \$1,500; Handwriting Without Tears –** This developmentally-based program teaches creative techniques to children of all abilities with the goal to develop handwriting as an automatic and natural skill.
- Debbie Taylor; Stevenson; \$193; Frequent Milers Club –** A walking and running club for children!

- Erin Prindiville; Stevenson; \$200; Homework Handbags** – Interactive activities available for check out in the classroom.
- Lisa Wills, Cathie Werkman, Ruth Eickenberg, Erin Prindiville, Teresa Koehler, Julie Kincy, LaShanta Williams; Stevenson; \$900; "Kaleidoscope of Culture"** – Students, parents, and community members will experience, explore and celebrate diversity.
- Connie Schroeder, Priscilla Steers; Sugar Creek; \$198; Listen to My Words** – Individual tape players will be available to English Language Learners for check out, allowing the students to listen to English stories and books at home and school.
- Jason Nourie; Towanda; \$400; Route 66 Beautification Project** – Students will research the importance of Route 66 and design ways to restore and beautify this historic landmark which passes through the community.
- Judy Lancaster; Towanda; \$200; Book Buddies** – Kindergarten students will read with 'Buddies' from an upper grade.
- Rati Singhal; Washington; \$750; Bridges to Culture** – Purchase of multicultural books for each classroom and use of related activities to promote awareness and respect of other cultures.
- Anne Waldorf, Vicky VanCauwenberge, Christy Adams; Washington; \$1,000; Wolf Pack A Sack** – By using the 'Sack' first grade students will have fun while exploring non-fiction books and activities outside of the classroom setting.

### Junior High / Middle Schools

- Bill Wetzel, Susan Dees, Kim Hall, Janet Kapper, Jay Omahana, Sue Pulido; BJHS; \$3,330; – Gotcha!** – Gotcha! provides students with opportunities to explore topics, develop understanding, create evidence of learning, and share ideas with peers of the present and future.
- Cathy Lust, Sherri Cannon, Donna Witte, Kathleen Irvin, Suzie Hutton, Carla Russell, Karen Kelly, Krystal Lewis, Bill Wetzel, Nancy Pichla; BJHS; \$2,000; RESPECT at BJHS** – The 'Ease the Tease' program explores the feelings of individuals being teased and the responsibility everyone has to treat one another with respect.
- Kristen Ayers; BJHS; \$175; Leap Pad Learning Systems** – To obtain two Systems to enhance reading, writing, and math skills through the use of technology.
- Debi Kiss; BJHS; \$936; Check Out Success** – Our classroom will operate a mobile library of high-interest, lower-level books for special education students to check out and read.
- Michelle Sapp, Jamie Wolfe; BJHS; \$193; Audio Bookshelf** – Books on tape strongly benefits struggling readers, acting as a scaffold that allows students to read above their actual reading level.
- Jamie Wolfe, Michelle Sapp; BJHS; \$139; Summer Reading Program: Take the SURVIVAL Challenge** – To help transition into 7<sup>th</sup> grade, students will read books in the summer and present projects they've completed when school begins in the fall.
- Mary Ellen Somers, Kary Thoennes, Rexie Lanier, Barb McClarty; KJHS; \$509; Pursuing Pentominoes** – A unit integrating art, math, language and technology, the book 'Chasing Vermeer', pentominoes and embedding symbols in a wash drawing.
- Trena Loomans; KJHS; \$375; Creating a Peaceable School Peer Mediation Program** – The peer mediation program encompasses the entire school to emphasize a peaceable environment through effective conflict resolution.
- Carolyn Thompson, Andrea Knapp; KJHS / CJHS; \$1,000; The Geometer's Sketchpad for Junior High** – Technology offers students' opportunities to discover geometric concepts by dragging figures and learning mathematics through critical thinking.
- Christine Mitchell, Ellen Main; PJHS; \$200; The Stained Glass Window Project** – Students will create their own stained glass window design on the glass of an 8" x 10" picture frame that must include various geometric figures.
- Gretchen Cetin; PJHS; \$200; Dictionaries to Enhance the Home/School Connection** – Purchase of two levels of student dictionaries for a lending library for students working on decoding and vocabulary skills in the reading program.
- Logan Pleines, Christine Mitchell; PJHS; \$925; A Commercial Success 'I Have a Dream' Working for America's Future** – Students will film specific projects, learning editing and filming processes necessary in using the iMac iMovie program.
- Julie Nourie, Rexie Lanier; PJHS / KJHS; \$500; Book Club Bonanza** – Students will choose a common book to read together in a book club format and then meet to critically discuss their thoughts, emotions, and reactions to various passages.

### High Schools

- Michelle Goluba-Melrose; BHS; \$200; Free Reading Exercise** – To improve overall comprehension, students will have the opportunity for free reading in Spanish, selecting from a variety of materials and levels.
- Barbara Bush; NCWHS; \$384; Creating Personal Style** – The interactive software, 'Creating Personal Style', will be used to help students select clothing appropriate for their body type and work environment.