



ASSISTANCE LEAGUE® of Mid-Missouri

Links to Learning Award Recipients

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** Neila Pettit Reading Award **

Oakland Junior High School - \$800.00

Reading for Social Justice

Danielle Johnson, Helen Porter, Jayme Pingrey

Books stressing the importance of Critical Literacy will be purchased for 7th and 8th grade reading students. Critical Literacy teaches the importance of students being able to read the WORLD as well as the WORD. Social justice, oppression, homelessness, racism, sexism, discrimination based on appearance and poverty are some of the topics that will be covered. A variety of activities will accompany this unit. Students will keep a daily thinking log as well as engage in partner discussions, group discussions, and written assignments. These activities will allow for a safe place to work out feelings and thoughts about how the world works.

** Musical Link Awards **

Musical grants were made possible through an anonymous donation to the Links to Learning Program. The donor specified that the money be used to enhance the music programs of our public schools. We have chosen to award three musical requests, and we wish to thank our donor for the generous support.

Benton Elementary - \$646.39

"Strummin Your Troubles Away"

Darla Lenz

The Music Specialist will teach singing in tune, basic music theory and music appreciation through games, stories and listening. The addition of folk music and guitars will fit hand in hand with the curriculum enhancing student learning in the music room.

Shepard Boulevard Elementary - \$650.00

Discover the Music within You

Connie Morrow

Three bass drums and five other world percussion instruments will be purchased for the music classroom and extra-curricular drum circle to shake, twist, tap, and beat. All activities will help students realize they can create unique sounds without the fear of hitting the wrong note.

Hickman High School - \$650.00

The American Roots Music Listening Library

Phillip Overeem, James Kome

The American Roots Music Listening Library is a music/media education program that provides film, music and literary resources to enhance the knowledge of American culture.

Benton Elementary - \$200.00

"The World is a Stage"

Darla Lenz

ALMM funds provide musical scripts for students to use in school performances.

Benton Elementary - \$192.89

The Show Must Go ON!

Fran Atkins

ALMM funds provide individual student scripts for musical plays performed for families, students and friends.

Blue Ridge Elementary - \$468.39

Emergent Reader's Theatre

Kelly Yockey

Engagement in interactive reading by the use of Reader's Theatre will increase student comprehension and fluency.

Blue Ridge Elementary - \$508.00

Creative Listening

Matt Whitehead

A listening center is a cross curricular and hands on learning center in which the students can actively engage in reading and writing activities at their reading level.

Blue Ridge Elementary - \$621.05

Creating Successful Readers One "Just Right" Book at a Time

Rebecca Smith

"Just Right" books will enable all students to feel successful as readers when checking out books.

Cedar Ridge Elementary - \$224.89

You at the YouZeum!

Amanda Holloway

This award funds a field trip to the YouZeum in Columbia, which will provide second graders a high-tech, interactive, health-related experience in their own community.

Cedar Ridge Elementary - \$578.88

"Student Learning Takes Flight at the Butterfly House"

Ashlee Smith

A field trip to The Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House provides students a hands-on, real-life experience that parallels district science objectives.

Cedar Ridge Elementary - \$650.00

A Visit With Mark Twain: An Excursion to Hannibal, Missouri

Clint Darr

Fourth graders will travel to Hannibal, MO, to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Mark Twain and to gain understanding of how his writing was influenced by the land, the people and the heritage of our state.

Cedar Ridge Elementary - \$151.13

The 2008-2009 Mark Twain Award Nominees: They're ALL Winners!

Clint Darr

A complete set of the twelve Mark Twain Award Nominees for 2008-2009 will be purchased so that all fourth grade students will be able to read, discuss and help select the winner.

Cedar Ridge Elementary - \$576.71

Centers Across the Curriculum

Julie Schisler

Centers Across the Curriculum will enhance the curriculum with age appropriate materials to be used for centers in Kindergarten classrooms.

Cedar Ridge Elementary - \$525.00

Get Ready, Set, Read

Julie Schisler

The Wright Group Guided Reading materials will enhance the literacy program in Kindergarten.

Cedar Ridge Elementary - \$188.98

Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) Choice Books on Tape

Kari Grawe

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) Books on Tape Award would provide students of all reading abilities the opportunity to access high quality literature and work on building listening comprehension, visualization and reading comprehension.

Cedar Ridge Elementary - \$179.70

"Down on the Farm"

Lori Huhman

Students will travel to Jefferson Farm and Gardens, a local farm education facility, where they will experience a hands-on, real-life adventure with animals and plants.

Cedar Ridge Elementary - \$179.70

Fruits, Vegetables, Milk and Grains Oh My!

Nancy Amelunke

This field trip will provide kindergartners with experiences at a grocery store and a dairy farm.

Cedar Ridge Elementary - \$395.78

Kindergarten Success in Reading and Writing

Nancy Amelunke

These materials will help Kindergartners be successful in both reading and writing.

Cedar Ridge Elementary - \$605.00

Language Arts Centers

Sarah Philips

Language Arts materials purchased for a first year classroom will ensure that each student's learning style has been met while promoting a fun and successful learning experience for every student.

Center for Gifted Education - \$650.00

Book Printing Press

Terry Gaines

The printing press would be used by over 300 students for various projects and courses.

Derby Ridge Elementary - \$643.29

"Living the Life of a Writer"

Bethany Jury, Kate Manion, Betsy Rice, Jada Salmons

Fourth grade authors explore the writing process through the evaluation lens of the reader as they study the practices of favorite authors while sharing feature stories these authors have written.

Derby Ridge Elementary - \$646.92

First Grade Spelling Instruction Goes Green!

Karla Yung

First grade spelling instruction is "going green" by using two-sided, primary-lined, magnetic white boards as a replacement for photocopied paper in most daily spelling activities.

Derby Ridge Elementary - \$200.00

Fostering Comprehension Skills

Risa Venable

The goal of this project is to foster reading and listening comprehension skills in students with language disorders.

Fairview Elementary - \$200.00

Reading Should Be Fun for Everyone

Brian Earls

Reading Should Be Fun for Everyone is an effort to provide students that need reading support books that are interesting and on their instructional level.

Fairview Elementary - \$176.08

Fast Forward to Fluency

Christy Muchow

Fast Forward to Fluency will help students increase their phrasing and expression through audio recordings.

Fairview Elementary - \$194.46

Listening Work Stations

Christy Muchow

Listening Work Stations will help children gain deeper comprehension through peer discussions after hearing books on CD.

Fairview Elementary - \$649.76

A Lending Library You Can Count On

Jennifer Henderson, Jacqueline Kintz, Vicki Shouse

Math materials for teachers and parents provide help in meeting the individual needs and learning styles of below-level learners.

Fairview Elementary - \$200.00

Building Comprehension with Books on CD's

Laurie Everett

Building Comprehension with Books on CD's will build fluency and encourage deeper understanding.

Fairview Elementary - \$175.62

Fluency Work Station

Melissa McMenemy

A Fluency Work Station will help students use audio recorders to increase their expression and phrasing as they read.

Fairview Elementary - \$194.45

Listening to Literature

Melissa McMenemy

Listening to Literature will help children gain deeper comprehension through peer discussions after hearing books on CD.

Fairview Elementary - \$200.00

Blooming Readers

Molly Lyman

Blooming Readers invites students to improve at a reading level that is instructional, yet challenging, so they may grow as independent readers.

Fairview Elementary - \$200.00

Learning Through Listening

Pam Laughlin

Learning Through Listening will help increase reading comprehension, fluency, and vocabulary through books on CD.

Fairview Elementary - \$200.00

Reaching All Readers

Sharon Jacoby

Reaching All Readers will provide struggling readers with reading material that is a match for their interests and ability.

Field Elementary - \$645.44

Kindergarten Book Baskets

Elizabeth Pickard

Kindergarten students will improve reading skills through exposure to more developmentally appropriate reading materials supplied in the classroom reading center.

Field Elementary - \$497.28

Problem Solving with Puzzles

Elizabeth Pickard

Kindergarten students will improve problem solving skills through exposure to puzzles supplied in the classroom puzzle center.

Grant Elementary - \$650.00

Art of Literature Enlivening the Library

Cathy Hughes, Lisa Schenker, Jennifer Wingert, Jim Steelman

This is a project in which all 4th graders create a ceramic tile mosaic that portrays their favorite books, authors and characters.

Grant Elementary - \$278.90

Solar Cars

Jenifer Hartz

Students will build solar cars in this elementary Eco Schoolhouse with assistance from junior high students.

Grant Elementary - \$199.26

Play Therapy Tools to Enhance Student Success

Kate Weir

Funds will enable the school counselor to use play therapy techniques to help students solve problems, express feelings and become better learners.

Grant Elementary - \$200.00

Success for English Language Learners

Margaret (Peg) Hurley

K-5 ELL students will develop comprehension skills while increasing vocabulary with informational books.

Grant Elementary - \$650.00

Elementary Drum Ensemble

Pamela Sisson

The school's Fine Arts Dept. is creating a drum ensemble. A qualified percussion teacher will teach and facilitate the ensemble for 8-10 sessions. Drums will be used to maximize participants experience.

Grant Elementary - \$99.96

Transportation Cost for Grant Elementary School 4th and 5th Grade classes to attend "We Always Swing" Jazz Series Concert

Pamela Sisson

Funds provide bus transportation to this concert, which contributes to the students' knowledge of jazz, gives them the experience of a concert setting, and provides opportunities to integrate the experience into research writing and history.

Lee Expressive Arts School - \$617.05

The Sing and Play Songs: Integrating Music with the

Teaching of Reading and Math and Rhythm through the Study of Syllables

Kaye Miller, Susan Altomari

Through the "Sing and Read" program, students in kindergarten and first grades will integrate classroom curricula in literacy and math with music.

Lee Expressive Arts School - \$200.00

Finding Focus with First Graders

Marcia Balkin, Ann Norris, Michelle Partington

First grade students will participate in a combination of yoga classes and classroom activities to help them develop focus, self-awareness and self-soothing skills.

Midway Heights Elementary - \$650.00

The Eagles Meet the Aussies!

Debi Carrow, Jill Evans

The specialists in Art, Music, Science, Physical Education, Media and Counseling will collaborate to provide an opportunity for students to learn to appreciate the similarities and uniqueness of Australia, while enhancing classroom curriculum.

Midway Heights Elementary - \$99.96

4th and 5th grade field trip to attend the free Matt Wilson Quartet Concert produced by the "We Always Swing" Jazz Series Concert, April 6, 2009

Janet Swope

Funds will be used for bus transportation from the school to Hickman for 4th and 5th grade students to attend the Matt Wilson Quartet free concert.

Midway Heights Elementary - \$648.02

Working to Learn in Reading and Writing!

Lottie Creasy, Libby Robinson, Destiney Windmiller, Trish Redig

Working to Learn in Reading and Writing! will provide literacy work station materials for kindergarten and first grade students that directly support and enhance classroom learning.

Mill Creek Elementary - \$189.87

Published Young Authors: Using Bare Books to Increase Student Engagement

Amberleigh Slaven

Students will publish a memoir in a bare book, a hardcover bound book, and celebrate their experiences as an author by sharing it with parents and classmates.

Mill Creek Elementary - \$250.00

A Sweet Deal

Dalene DeLong, David Black, Erin McCarty, Elaine Lawler, Rebecca Bentley

Through a visit to a local business, students correlate their math and economic learning to a business setting.

New Haven Elementary - \$650.00

Listening to Become a More Proficient Reader

Beth Diggs, Sara Maddox (Gilles)

In order to provide second graders with a different media to practice their many reading learning targets, students will be given the opportunity to visit a listening work station weekly.

Parkade Elementary - \$649.90

Theatre for Children

Angelia Porter, Buffy Stapleton, Brenda Sieber, Kaye Voth
Students will attend two live performances centered around two pieces of children's literature.

Parkade Elementary - \$187.22

Reader's Theatre for Transitional Readers

Vanessa Kline

Reader's Theatre book sets will help transitional readers increase reading fluency.

Paxton Keeley Elementary - \$624.99

MusicMap Series "Carnival of the Animals"

Beth Luetjen

Cultural MusicMap books help develop reading and analysis of music note values and integration of visual arts.

Paxton Keeley Elementary - \$200.00

MusicMap Series Multicultural Songbooks

Beth Luetjen

These MusicMap books of folk songs from various countries help develop reading and analysis of music note values and integration of visual arts.

Paxton Keeley Elementary - \$650.00

Scrapbooking: A Creative Way to Motivate Student Writers

Cheryl Rackers, Judy McCray

This is a project that motivates and enhances student writing through the use of a personal scrapbook of writing projects.

Paxton Keeley Elementary - \$650.00

Greek Mythology

Cindy Hobbs

Greek Mythology will teach the source of many popular books of today using hands-on activities, reading and writing.

Paxton Keeley Elementary - \$631.75

Living HiSTORY: Critically Reading the Word and the World

Emily Powell

Text sets of authentic children's literature will encourage students to critically examine ideas related to conflict and democracy.

Paxton Keeley Elementary - \$146.85

The ELL Home-School Connection: Helping Students Achieve

Jane Wellman

The purchased instructional games and activities will be used as components of school language instruction, as well as valuable school-to-home resources for ELL families and families of struggling learners.

Paxton Keeley Elementary - \$604.80

Secrets of Survival in 2nd Grade

Jen Garrett, Kim DeVorss

Students will study nonfiction literature to deepen their understanding of reading, writing, and science by studying living organisms, habitats, food chains, and life cycles.

Paxton Keeley Elementary - \$563.60

Living off the Grid-dle

Julie Alexander

Students will have the opportunity to experience cooking without electricity using just the power of the sun.

Paxton Keeley Elementary - \$195.84

We are Learners: Creative non-fiction literature for first graders

Katie Fisher

We are Learners: Creative non-fiction literature for first graders will supply first graders with creative non-fiction books to encourage and inspire them as readers and learners.

Paxton Keeley Elementary - \$198.99

Notable Leaders for 3rd Grade Readers

Kelley Green

Notable Leaders for 3rd Grade Readers is a project that provides students with readable biographies to support them in developing nonfiction reading skills while they make discoveries about the world's most influential leaders.

Paxton Keeley Elementary - \$640.17

Reading with Meaning in 2nd Grade

Kim Wright, Amanda McBee

Through quality literature second grade students will learn how to deepen their understanding of texts by using their schema to make thoughtful connections, creating mental images, inferring, asking questions and synthesizing.

Paxton Keeley Elementary - \$634.51

Awesome Alphabet Adventures

Marisa Sherbo

Kindergartners will learn alphabet letters and sounds through interactive experiences.

Paxton Keeley Elementary - \$197.95

Reading and Writing to find our Place in the World

Nate Hutchings

Reading and Writing to find our Place in the World supplies fourth graders quality picture book memoirs that provide models for writing their own memoir as well as examples that help them in examining the lives of others.

Paxton Keeley Elementary - \$199.94

Exploring Biographies and Building Character

Nichole Smith

Exploring Biographies and Building Character is a fourth grade study of picture biographies that focus on historical figures and the character traits that helped them overcome obstacles to achieve their goals.

Ridgeway Elementary School - \$650.00

Integrating Social Studies and Literacy

Kathy Dempsey, Greg Colman, Shari Lawson

“Integrating Social Studies and Literacy” enables classrooms to purchase Cobblestone magazines to supplement both the 4th grade social studies and language arts curriculums.

Ridgeway Elementary School - \$645.99

The MY VOICE project: Increasing Self-monitoring Skills in Language Arts

Lara Wakefield, Lora Faiman, Barbara Beattie

The MY VOICE project provides elementary students with special learning needs access to MP3 players as a teaching tool to promote self-monitoring of reading, writing and speech skills.

Ridgeway Elementary School - \$600.00

Kaleidoscope of Culture

Laura Sandstedt, Bobbi McCormack, Meghan Malloy, Lori Johnson

Students experience the Australian culture - live and in person! Native Australians will join the whole school for a day of singing, dancing and learning.

Rock Bridge Elementary - \$637.72

Fifth Grade Production Centers

Deb Diller, Kasey Laughlin

Production centers in fifth grade will specifically help students requiring remedial or enrichment development.

Rock Bridge Elementary - \$627.60

Increasing Language Motor and Sensory Integration in the SWIN (Student with Intensive Needs) Program

Elizabeth Mottaz

Activities will be purchased for the SWIN Program to increase reading and writing, self-care, and motor skills.

Rock Bridge Elementary - \$199.00

Kaufman Speech Praxis Treatment Kit

Kris Hotchkiss

The Kaufman Speech Praxis Treatment Kit will provide an alternative treatment method for students with a variety of articulation disorders.

Rock Bridge Elementary - \$565.16

Centers Are Fun! Literacy and Math in Kindergarten

Susan Stallman

Through this award, kindergarten students will have access to center materials that will strengthen their understanding of math and literacy skills.

Russell Boulevard Elementary - \$645.46

Early Intervention: A Key to Helping Those Who Can't Hear!

Andrea Niekamp

This award will help build the district's first Pre-School Classroom for Hearing-Impaired students by providing materials and resources to promote language development and early literacy skills.

Russell Boulevard Elementary - \$375.42

Appealing Non-fiction

Anne Schoelz

Funds will be used to purchase non-fiction books for the school media center.

Russell Boulevard Elementary - \$103.00

Rounding Up Learning without Wires

Julie Dunkin

The purchase of a wireless keyboard and mouse for use with the classroom SmartBoard will aid this teacher's flexibility in the classroom.

Russell Boulevard Elementary - \$600.00

Using Interventions to Promote Learning

Sharon Horton, Linda Moore, Jasmine Rustemeyer, Deborah Shaw

The resources will be used to work in an intervention program to help struggling readers, writers, and mathematicians.

Shepard Boulevard Elementary - \$398.18

Art Club

Jeri Donoho

This club will provide an opportunity for students to extend their knowledge of the arts, and build self confidence through making art that is unique to the club participants.

Shepard Boulevard Elementary - \$174.90

Reading for Fluence the Wilson Way

Lisa Hamilton, Jennifer Henderson

Reading for Success the Wilson Way is a multisensory structural language program with strategies to successfully help students become fluent independent readers and spellers.

Shepard Boulevard Elementary - \$650.00

Health Detectives Investigate the YouZeum

Tracy Hager, Susan Heath, Leanna Guillory, Christen Smith
This award funds a field trip to the YouZeum, which provides students with a hands-on, high-tech interactive experience that parallels the district's third grade health science objectives.

Two Mile Prairie Elementary - \$200.00

Mentor Text for Reading Comprehension

Cynthia Metz, Heather Myers

Notable children's literature will be purchased as mentor text to accompany Sundance Comprehension Strategies Kit for third through fifth graders.

Two Mile Prairie Elementary - \$200.00

"Craft Lessons for Teachers"

Heather Myers

"Craft Lessons: Teaching Writing K-8" will be purchased for every grade level to provide teachers with Model Lesson plans to increase writing achievement.

Two Mile Prairie Elementary - \$89.78

Song Books for Building Fluency

Suzanne Jackson

Children's song books will be purchased to increase student's ability to read fluently.

Two Mile Prairie Elementary - \$599.85

"Literacy Bags" at-home LITERACY DEVELOPMENT

Tiffany Zimmerman

A classroom set of "Literacy Bags" will be purchased to increase literacy development at home.

West Boulevard Elementary - \$449.82

Career Explorations Project

Dale Mitchell

The Career Explorations Project will allow students a firsthand opportunity to see how the skills learned in school relate to the workplace.

West Boulevard Elementary - \$600.00

Classroom Scanner Literacy/Math Curriculum Project

Denise Parker

Classroom teachers in grades two through five will purchase computer scanners to use with their Smart Boards to implement the literacy and math curriculum.

West Boulevard Elementary - \$650.00

4th Annual Children's Museum

Jonette Ford, Mary Lynn Agnew

The 4th annual children's museum will be a culminating project that will include extensive research, writing, reflections and opinions, as students create a ten-paneled mural depicting economic issues and class struggle.

West Boulevard Elementary - \$200.00

Reading with Comfort

Terri Hovey

This project will create comfort in reading physically and academically by providing pillows, beanbags and developmentally appropriate books for students.

Bearfield - \$450.00

Parent Support Group

Cheryl Harrison, Bonita Fitzmaurice

This project is intended to increase opportunities for parent communication and involvement in order to support their child's educational success.

Bearfield - \$649.07

High Interest, Hands on NASCO Science Kits to Enhance Science Curriculum for At-Risk Kids

Howard Keith Fletcher

Protozoa, Life Science, and Weather science kits will provide high interest, hands-on-learning tools for an at-risk population of students.

Bearfield - \$199.30

More High Interest, Hands on NASCO Science Kits to Enhance Science Curriculum for At-Risk Students

Howard Keith Fletcher

Chemistry and Energy kits will provide high interest, hands-on-learning tools for at-risk students.

Bearfield - \$182.80

(Science Projects) Real World Experimental Approach to Teaching

Joshua Green

Science kits will provide hands-on experience in the areas of Physical Science, solar energy and renewable energy sources.

Bearfield - \$182.58

Health Education

Phoebe Gray

The goal of this project is to teach health, nutrition and hygiene information that some students may not be learning anywhere else.

Bearfield - \$560.00

Student Activity Committee

Romie Toussaint, Lisa Rieken

This award will provide support to students through leadership and prosocial skills in all areas of their lives.

Park Avenue Child and Family Development - \$634.78

Literacy Enrichment for Family Visits

Kim Berry

Literacy Enrichment for Family Visits is a project designed to provide books and enrichment materials for families during home visits for each student throughout the 2008-09 school year.

Park Avenue Child and Family Development - \$198.91

Visual Perception Development in Preschool

Kim Berry

This project is designed to provide materials in a preschool setting that will focus on development of visual perception skills.

Gentry Middle School - \$53.95

Computer Reading Comprehension

Christi Brietzke, Mary Concannon

This award will enhance reading comprehension skills on the computer, making students more confident and independent while working on the computer.

Gentry Middle School - \$224.91

Exploring World and Local Culture

Elizabeth Bergman

“Exploring World and Local Culture” will make exploration of the art, literature, geography and culture of the world truly memorable and meaningful.

Gentry Middle School - \$648.55

Improving Reading Skills in Middle School Students

Tamara Graham, Lauri Carter, Pam Brown

The project will provide classroom magazines and books to enhance student motivation.

Gentry Middle School - \$650.00

Literature Festival Motivates Middle School Students to Read and Write

Tamara Graham, Julie Hart, Rachel Mazzocco

The Literature Festival opportunity is a project that will motivate students to read and write.

Gentry Middle School - \$613.00

Using eMaps Interactive Wall Maps to Improve Social Studies Instruction

Virginia Propp

Using eMaps Interactive Wall maps with the existing classroom SmartBoard will provide a highly motivating and interactive geography experience for students.

Lange Middle School - \$625.00

Green Rides

Allan Sharrock

Students will discover how hydrogen cars work through the use of Thanex and Kosmos Fuel Cell Kits.

Lange Middle School - \$243.00

Step Up Female Bullying Prevention Program

Dru Nash

This program is designed to build leadership skills, conflict resolution skills and strategies to reduce/prevent peer abuse.

Lange Middle School - \$200.00

Relevant Reading for Middle School

Hilary Trammell

The Bluford Series will provide a captivating series of stories for students to practice their comprehension, vocabulary, critical thinking and writing skills with encouragement and direction from their teacher.

Lange Middle School - \$200.00

Learning language

Jennifer Rice

A variety of games and activities will increase language arts skills.

Lange Middle School - \$650.00

MAC Scholars Transportation Fund

Lynn Bowens, Tylisha Johnson

MAC Scholars members will have the opportunity to serve the community and participate in life-enrichment activities.

Lange Middle School - \$649.74

Feed the Children

Michele Sterrett

Funding will provide award titles and other books to fill needs for various levels and interests of the student population.

Lange Middle School - \$650.00

Encore Goes to China

Sharon Winberry, Allan Sharrock, Melanie Leary, Shawn

Huggans, Karina Galve

Students will create, connect and communicate with the Chinese culture.

Smithton Middle School - \$569.40

Seventh Graders Meet the Author

Kerry Townsend, Sara Jaeger, Leslye McCarty, Sue Burns

Seventh Graders Meet the Author will introduce the Seventh Grade Reading Club members to some of their favorite authors and offer them the opportunity to learn why and how they write.

Smithton Middle School - \$197.96

Using Technology to Support Geography Education

Kerry Townsend, Jamie Scholten

Through the use of technology, middle school students will interact with students from other countries as a part of the social studies classroom.

Smithton Middle School - \$200.00

Having a Ball in Reading Class

Lynn Hagen

Students will sit on exercise balls instead of chairs in reading class to increase their focus.

Smithton Middle School - \$200.00

Word Wizards (Word Games for Reading)

Mary Ann Johnson

Word and vocabulary games will supplement and enrich a reading curriculum which is designed for students with identified literacy needs in order to motivate and engage students in the reading process.

Smithton Middle School - \$200.00

SLIC (Smithton Laboratory Invention Convention)

Meera Sood

Funds will be used for a science fair which stimulates the imagination, builds self-confidence, and encourages creative thinking.

Smithton Middle School - \$450.00

“U” Matter Substance Abuse Prevention Program

Trudi Beck, Gabe Bodzin

“U” Matter is an after-school activity and support group where students are educated about healthy alternatives to using illegal substances.

Jefferson Junior High School - \$325.00

Saturday Scientist

Cathy Dweik

Saturday Scientist for junior high students provides real-world science opportunities by partnering the CPS System with local business in the science industry.

Jefferson Junior High School - \$175.00

Ellis Island Simulation

Tracy Worthington

Students will participate in a simulation of Ellis Island as they role play immigrants arriving in the United States.

Jefferson Junior High School - \$650.00

White House Decision Center

Jill Villasana

Jefferson Junior High School - \$650.00

White House Decision Center

Matt Ross

Jefferson Junior High School - \$650.00

White House Decision Center

Michael McGinty

Jefferson Junior High School - \$650.00

White House Decision Center

Russ Crane

Students will have the opportunity to experience the workings of the Executive Branch by participating in a simulation of a national crisis in the West Wing of the Truman Presidential Library.

Oakland Junior High School - \$189.65

High Interest Books for Low Readers

Angela Rogers

The purpose of the project is to acquire books that are appropriate for students' current reading level and interest level.

Oakland Junior High School - \$645.99

What? Read for Fun?

Jan Summers

Students will be encouraged to read "just for the fun of it" throughout the year by a variety of promotions, activities and new books in the Media Center.

Oakland Junior High School - \$325.00

Saturday Scientist

Marsha Tyson, Pam Didur, Kristine Hayes, Beth Newton, Keith Wright, Harry Webb

Saturday Scientist for junior high students provides real-world science opportunities by partnering the CPS System with local business in the science industry.

Oakland Junior High School - \$200.00

Success Center Library

Nick Kremer

This award will be used to fund an on-site library for the Success Center, a program for academically at-risk students, to increase student engagement in literature.

Oakland Junior High School - \$508.23

Lend Me Your Ear

Suzanne Yonke

Lend Me Your Ear will provide World Languages students with a variety of foreign language reading and audio books at various levels to enhance in-class learning and increase fluency in the target language.

West Junior High School - \$574.30

Inquiry in the Science Classroom with Plants and Aquatic

Microcosms in Controlled Lighted Environments

Anne Hoylman

Support for the purchase of plant growth lights and a cart will enhance opportunities for 8th grade students to conduct science experiments on topics ranging from toxicology and population growth to community ecology and experimental design.

West Junior High School - \$198.05

"I Have A Voice"

Brandy Hackett

The use of tape recorders will enhance cooperative learning groups and authentic assessment in the classroom.

West Junior High School - \$303.93

Increasing Life Strategy Awareness in ELL Students

Catherine Carpenter

This project will enhance ELL students' ability and awareness of the strategies needed to make good choices in life.

West Junior High School - \$649.95

Classroom Enhancements by Elmo!

Daniel Rector

Classroom Enhancements by Elmo is a project to provide a classroom presentation tool that greatly enhances the learning environment of ALL eighth grade science students.

West Junior High School - \$421.00

Saturday Scientist

John Jacobs, Dr. Ann Hoylman

Saturday Scientist for junior high students provides real-world science opportunities by partnering the CPS System with local business in the science industry.

West Junior High School - \$639.00

Enhancement For Learning - Robotics and Engineering

Challenges

Julie Purcell

Robotics software kits will be used to teach basic engineering principles, followed by a field trip to UMC for Engineering Day.

West Junior High School - \$139.82

Reading for Science in the Physics Classroom

Kory Kaufman

Honors Physics students will be able to access a variety of scientific research by having multiple current science periodicals available to them.

West Junior High School - \$650.00

Free Falling Physics Students at Six Flags

Laura Zinszer

Ninth grade physics students will participate in Physics Day at Six Flags in St. Louis where they will apply concepts they have learned in physics class such as velocity, acceleration, energy, force and Newton's Laws to the activities at the amusement park.

West Junior High School - \$150.00

We Should Teach a Love of Reading

Lily Long, Kristen Hacker

"We shouldn't just teach great books; we should teach a love of reading" to promote literacy and to create lifelong readers.

West Junior High School - \$631.50

Capturing Clean, Renewable Energy

Mike Cranford

Capturing Clean, Renewable Energy provides energy equipment that will deeply enhance ninth grade students' understanding of the future of alternative energy in our society.

West Junior High School - \$645.28

The Sisterhood of....The Traveling Dry Erase Boards

Sherry Dobbs, Lily Long

"The Traveling Dry Erase Boards" offer individualized instruction so that all students can build meaning, master concepts and meet learning standards.

West Junior High School - \$650.00

White House Decision Center

Brenda Blankenship

West Junior High School - \$650.00

White House Decision Center

Chris Fischer

West Junior High School - \$650.00

White House Decision Center

Leslie Guerin

West Junior High School - \$650.00

White House Decision Center

Tim Fischer

The White House Decision Center is a program designed for high school students to role-play the Truman Administration during a national crisis, as they complete the simulation in the Truman Library's version of the West Wing of the White House.

Douglass High School - \$640.00

Finance Park - Students Learning the Economics of Life

Janet Bagby

Award funds will be used to provide a field trip for students to attend AG Edwards Finance Park hands-on money management simulation.

Douglass High School - \$196.41

Everybody Reads!

Miranda Wagner, Christina Atchley

All students and faculty will participate in Sustained Silent Reading daily during Advisory period.

Hickman High School - \$350.00

Community Skills: Community Access

Ashley Malorin

Community Skills Students will learn to access community resources and learn skills needed for recreation/leisure, socialization, locating community safe sites, utilizing city transit and exploring art.

Hickman High School - \$470.50

Community Skills: Daily Living Skills

Ashley Malorin

Community Skills Students will learn cooking, laundry and dishwashing skills.

Hickman High School - \$422.58

Headphones to Comprehension

Doug Gordon, Jennifer Creech, April Acklin, Brenda Granneman

Funds will be used to assist struggling readers with required reading materials by supplying books on tape for students to listen to while following along in the book.

Hickman High School - \$650.00

Connection to High School Content and Life Career Goals

Hannah Wren, Zach Rodeman, Nicole Overeem, Laurie Hoff

Through cultural exposure and real world experiences sophomore students will develop an understanding of how core content areas connect to their personal, academic and/or career goals.

Hickman High School - \$600.00

Field Trip to Practical Anatomy and Surgical Workshop

Jan Haffey

The honors anatomy and physiology students will take a field trip to St. Louis University to participate in a hands-on cadaver demonstration.

Hickman High School - \$448.95

Alcohol Impairment Simulation

Janna Fick, Catherine Scholten

The impairment project is designed to show students the impact of drinking on their reaction time and their driving skills with the hope they will make good decisions in the future.

Hickman High School - \$650.00

Help Gimme Truth

Jill Varns, James Kome, Nicole Overeem, Doug Gordon

Students will create two minute documentary films and submit them to the "Gimme Truth" Contest, a competition that takes place during the True/False Film Festival.

Hickman High School - \$424.83

Field Trip for Environmental Science Class

Karen Hibdon

This field trip will allow students to gain hands-on experience and connect the Environmental Science concepts to the community and local environment.

Hickman High School - \$650.00

Increasing Learning Through Analysis of Student Work

Lisa Nieder

Mathematics students will critique, evaluate and analyze student work using a Smart Document Camera 280.

Hickman High School - \$650.00

Explorations in DNA Informatics and Plant Biotechnology

Pamela Close

This award will be used to purchase two Molecular Biology Investigation kits and provide a field trip to the Danforth Plant Center in St. Louis.

Hickman High School - \$610.28

H.E.L.L.O. - Helping English Language Learners Operate

Susan Nordberg

English literacy skills will be enhanced for graduate-bound high school students with few or no English skills.

Hickman High School - \$199.58

Leave the Textbook Behind: U.S. History

Valerie Hammons

The Leave the Textbook Behind: U.S. History project is designed to increase and improve the communication, creativity and critical thinking skills of students as specified in the Missouri Show-Me Standards for Social Studies.

Rock Bridge High School - \$650.00

Vocational Opportunity

Amy Switzer

This project will provide a vocational opportunity for the Community Skills students that will give them occupational training and a variety of vocational skills.

Rock Bridge High School - \$582.00

An Authentic College Experience

Gregory Billstein, John Cooley

High school students with Asperger's Syndrome (high functioning autism) will participate in an authentic and comprehensive introduction to college life through first hand experience.

Rock Bridge High School - \$100.00

DVD Speakers

Jennifer Black Cone, Bruce Wilson

DVD speakers will be purchased for the World Studies and Creative Writing classes.

Rock Bridge High School - \$403.10

Struggling Readers Making Connections to Reading and Writing

Kay Williams, Amy Switzer, Liz Collier

This project will motivate struggling readers to find compelling text to become effective and independent readers and writers.

Rock Bridge High School - \$650.00

Nelson-Atkins Museum Analysis of World Cultures

Laura Riddle, Denise Winslow

Students will visit the museum as part of their study of diversity and the impact upon indigenous populations.

Rock Bridge High School - \$600.00

Field Trips for Environmental Science Class

Laurel Robinson

Field trips will allow students to gain hands on experience and will connect Environmental Science concepts to the community and our local environment.

Rock Bridge High School - \$139.05

Ancient Theatres of Greece and Rome

Mary Margaret Coffield

Details of ancient theatres illustrate the purpose of drama in ancient Western culture.

Rock Bridge High School - \$481.34

Multi-Media Approaches to Renaissance Theatre

Mary Margaret Coffield

Film presentation and computer modeling reinforce student research and performance in the study of European Renaissance Drama.

Rock Bridge High School - \$650.00

Anatomy Field Trip - year 3

Melissa Wessel

Junior and senior anatomy students will take a field trip for hands-on exploration of body systems at St. Louis University Medical School.

Rock Bridge High School - \$99.00

Request for The Wall Street Journal Classroom Edition

Susan Lidholm

The Wall Street Journal classroom edition will be purchased for Personal Finance classes.

Rock Bridge High School - \$269.54

Daily Living Project

Sara Lorenson, Lisa Kriegshauser, Rachel Ruetsch

The Daily Living utensils will provide students with physical and motor needs the opportunity to learn the skill of cooking and provide them opportunities to be independent in their environment.

Rock Bridge High School - \$199.85

Visual Literacy

Sharyn Hyatt-Wade, Melissa Mudd, Chris Flinchpaugh, Shannon Blakey

Over 300 students each year will benefit from these rich examples of artists' works which will help them understand aesthetics and our complex visual culture as well as communication through their own art.

Rock Bridge High School - \$650.00

Microphone for the Performing Arts Center

Terry Overfelt

Funds will be used to purchase a wireless microphone for school performances that require twelve or more students to be performing simultaneously.

Rock Bridge High School - \$103.70

The Annual Winter Play: House at Pooh Corner

Terry Overfelt

Scripts and royalty rights will be purchase for the production of The House at Pooh Corner.

Additional Funds for School Projects

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The **ASSISTANCE LEAGUE® of Mid-Missouri** funds the Sewing for Babies Service Project at both Hickman High School and Rock Bridge High School. This project benefits disadvantaged families in the community by providing baby garments and blankets made by the high school clothing classes. These items are donated to the University Hospital.

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