



District Grant Final Report 2019-2020

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District Grant # P-2530

Rotary Club: Rotary Club of Fort Collins

Project Title: New Books for Children

Project Description:

1. Briefly describe the project. What was done and where did the project activities take place? Explain how the beneficiaries and other community members were involved?

Over the course of 2019 Fort Collins Read Aloud has purchased books to distribute to children and families.

We have provided books, baby board books and preschool books in English and Spanish as well as low level chapter books in English and upper elementary level books in English to students and families at Johnson Elementary and Webber Middle in addition to students at the Boys and Girls Club that meets at the Harmony Mobile Home Park. Approximately 60 students have received books.

We have purchased gift certificates (Amazon and Barnes and Noble) for our Read Aloud volunteers to purchase books of their choice to share with the students with whom they read. The volunteers work in Olander, Bacon, McGraw, Shepardson, and Putnam Elementary schools. Approximately, 15 students received two books each at the end of the school year with the idea that they could take the books home for the summer.

We have purchased books to distribute in the family resource events (June and September) organized by Realities for Children and the Homeward Alliance (formerly known as the Homeless Gear and Children in Need). We purchase books to add to the donated books that are given to our organization. Approximately 300 people come to pick up books at these events for a total of approximately 600 people.

2. How many Rotarians participated in this project? 5
3. What did they do? Please give at least two examples.

As Read Aloud volunteers, the four Rotarians go into an elementary classroom and read aloud to students the classroom teacher has identified. The volunteer has made an ongoing commitment for a specific day and time during the week. Typically the commitment extends through the school year.

FCRA also had the assistance of Rotarian Lucinda Kerschensteiner in applying for and being awarded this grant.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? Approximately 675

5. Who are the beneficiaries and what is the expected long-term community impact of this project?

The beneficiaries are the students and families of the Fort Collins community who are encouraged to read; students reading alone as well as young children being read to by parents, caregivers, and volunteers develop literacy skills that can last a lifetime.

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was their role?

Specific Poudre School District classroom teachers partner with Fort Collins Read Aloud and host the volunteers in their classroom.

7. Income:

Income Source	Amount
Rotary grant	\$1000
Total Project Income	\$1000

8. Expenditures: (number receipts starting with 1 and indicate a receipt # (s) for each expenditure) (Do not include travel expenses)

If international project convert amounts to US dollars	Receipt # (s)	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount
\$21.65	amazon		\$21.65
\$352.85	amazon		\$352.85
\$43.05	amazon		\$43.05
\$455.03	amazon		\$455.03
\$20 + \$20 + \$10 + \$10	amazon		\$60
\$40 + \$30	Barnes & Noble		\$70

Total project expenditures			\$1002.58

9. Please explain any variance of more than 5% between the budgeted amount and the actual amount including the reason for the variance and why the alternative was chosen.

10. Project score (5=strongly, 4=agree, 3= neutral, 2=disagree, 1=strongly disagree)

	Project Score	Comments
The overall project was successful	5	
The grant process worked well	5	
My interaction with partner clubs was good	5	
We achieved the results we expected	5	

11. Did you upload photos in your project on matchinggrants.org under the Photos tab? (If not, please do so)

12. What worked well on this project and why?

Books to students and families is a wonderful way to support literacy in the Fort Collins community. The project is in alignment with the mission of Fort Collins Read Aloud which is to encourage, educate and empower the communities of Larimer County with the tools necessary to ensure lifetime literacy for children. Begun in 1990 by a Colorado State University professor, Fort Collins Read Aloud is a non-profit 501(c)3 agency established to promote activities that influence language development and school readiness in young children.

13. What did not work well and how would you suggest improving it?

14. How was this project publicized?

Please list all items provided in this grant that are over \$500 in value and are not expendable.

Item Purchased	Date of Purchase	Cost	Destination/ Location	Comments

By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District Grant funds were spent only for eligible items in accordance with Trustee-approved guidelines, and that all the information contained herein is true and accurate. Receipts for all grant-funded expenditures are attached. I also understand that all photographs submitted in connection with this report will become the property of RI and will not be returned. I warrant that I own all rights to the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant the District, RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or in the future, through the District and the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or developed. This includes the right to modify the photographs as necessary in the District's and RI's sole discretion. This also includes, without limitation, use on or in the web sites, magazines, brochures, pamphlets, exhibitions and any other promotional materials of the District, RI, and TRF.

Please attach all receipts or an invoice and a copy of the check used to pay the invoice. Funds over \$100 not used must be returned to the district grants treasurer.

Certifying signature of primary contact Lucinda Kerschensteiner, Rotary member

Date: 10-18-19

Print name Jennifer Taylor

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