

Jackson Hole Rotary Expands Books for Students to Include 3rd Grade

Last year the Rotary Club of Jackson Hole continued a program to purchase a book for each 2nd Grade student in Teton County School District #1. The books were distributed late in the school year with instruction that the book was the student's and that the student could take the book home to keep.

This year, the Rotary Club proposed to continue to purchase books for the 2nd Grade students and to expand the program to purchase a book for each of the 3rd grade students. School Superintendent (and Rotarian) Dr. Gillian Chapman has endorsed the program to encourage reading by the students through giving books to the students.

For many years Rotary District 5440 has strongly supported literacy throughout the district. This year, D5440 provided the Rotary Club of Jackson Hole with a grant of \$2,000 to cover the cost of the books for the 3rd grade. The Rotary club will continue to pay for the books for the 2nd Graders.

The books have been selected (including some titles in Spanish), purchased, and delivered to the book dealer in Jackson. They are awaiting delivery to the School District. With the current suspension of school because of the pandemic, the books will be distributed as soon as possible. There are 229 identified 3rd graders in line to get a book to read on their own.