

December 20, 2013

D-438 - Non-fiction for K-3 readers Final Project Report

After receiving the listing of books that were chosen for our Grant, on December 4th two of our Club members visited Central Elementary School in Escondido to present the \$1,000 check to the principal and librarian. Their invoices consist of 19 World Book volumes for a cost of \$602.64, plus \$397.36 of books from the larger geographically-oriented list. For the check presentation, Donna Fipps brought her assistance dog-in-training (who proudly wears an honorary Rotary label on her training coat) and gave the children in two of the classrooms book marks for their new books. She also gave a 20-minute demonstration to these classes, relating Jenga's training in terms that related to children also – i.e. paying attention, repeating lessons to master them, graduating, moving on to the next level of learning, etc. It was a most delightful and rewarding morning!

The librarian for this school told us about the program they have for parents to also use their library. They are a Title 1 school in central Escondido where Spanish is the first language for most families. I was impressed with everything I saw and heard there ... and I'm hoping there will be another opportunity to do something for this school.

I have put together some pdf pages of pictures, the invoices, and a few of the 46 hand written thank you notes from the children. Thank you for providing this worthwhile opportunity to do something meaningful for this most deserving school.

Sincerely,

Peggy Martin