

Project Number # P-800

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Rotary Club: Laughlin

Project Title: Youth Literacy Project

Progress Report     Final Report

**Project Description**

1. Briefly describe the project. What was done, when and where did project activities take place, and who were the beneficiaries?

Purchased a variety of age specific dictionaries, thesaurus' and "early reader" picture books for kindergarten, 1st, 5th & 8th grade students at our elementary and junior/senior high school. Due to major changes (re-structure at the schools and new vision of the newly promoted principal) earlier in March, plus previously scheduled spring breaks, distribution has been delayed into early Sept. This will actually take place in the classrooms with Rotarian interaction.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project?    9 of 12

3. What did they do? Please give at least two examples.

Began by sitting in on committee meetings to make our decisions and fast track the grant application process. Met with school leadership to determine exact needs. Researched product options and best pricing; made the purchases, drafted press releases and are now waiting for a presentation date, including media coverage.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project?    425

5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project?

By all indications, school officials and community leaders are all in agreement that starting our kids into reading and other literacy programs at earlier ages will increase reading and comprehension skills much quicker and better prepare them for more difficult curriculum as they progress through their more formal educational processes.

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


Laughlin Jr/Sr High School and Bennett Elementary School Principal Dawn Estes engaged us with her ideas and concepts as guest speaker at one of our meetings in early March. We then worked with her to develop a "menu" of the type books and the target grade levels in desperate need of materials not provided by the school district.

**Financial Report** (*District must retain receipts of all expenditures*)

7. Income	Amount
1. District Grant funds received from the District	\$ 444.00
2. Other funding (specify) Laughlin Rotary Club Funds	\$ 445.19
3.	
<b>Total Project Income</b>	<b>\$ 889.19</b>

8. Expenditures (please be specific and add lines as needed)	
1. Carson Delloso Book Company	\$ 367.41
2. The Dictionary Project	\$ 522.00
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4.	
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<b>Total Project Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 889.41</b>

9. 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 of the information contained herein is true and accurate. **Receipts for all grant-funded expenditures have been uploaded to the project website.** 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 in the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or at any time in the future, throughout the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or later developed. This includes the right to modify the photograph(s) as necessary in 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 RI and TRF.

Certifying Signature:     Date: July 3, 2015

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