Through the generosity of the Vista Hi Noon Rotary Club and the Rotary District 5340 Literacy Program, our club has placed 1,556 first grade books in the hands of Vista Unified School District students in fall 2015. The District grant, in combination with the discounted availability of books through Scholastic Press, made the project possible. The project totaled $6,018 ($3,018 of club funds and $3,000 in district matching funds) and targeted 69 classrooms in 16 elementary schools in the Vista Unified School District. Reading is the single most important factor in the long term success of students, and the project was supported by school district staff and leadership.

Club volunteers visited different school sites in teams of two to four Rotary volunteers (including Rotaract members from Cal State San Marcos) during classroom hours to read one of three books: "If You Gave a Moose a Muffin," "If You Gave a Cat a Cupcake," and "If You Gave a Mouse a Cookie." The reading was followed by the distribution of a new book to each first grade student. One touching moment was when a reader told students they could take the book to add to their home library, and one student said "I don't have any books at home." This project makes a dramatic difference in the lives of many students.

After distribution of all books to students, we had a small amount of money left in the project budget. We purchased two books, "Creepy Carrots!" and "Count the Monkeys," for donation to the school libraries in all Title I eligible elementary schools in the Vista Unified School District.

Invoices for book purchases are being submitted with this report, along with four pictures. The project is now completed