Create Your Own Adventure in Reading and Let's Share!

Classroom Grant

Newman Elementary School

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Application Form

Report Fields

Project Name*
Name of project

Create Your Own Adventure in Reading and Let's Share!

Amount Requested
Amount requested on application.

$1,000.00

Grade Level
Please select grade level below.

Intermediate (4-6)

Primary Subject Area
Please select the primary subject area of your grant.

Technology

School
Please select your school from the list below

Newman Elementary

Number of Students Served
Please enter the number of students that will be served by this grant.

260

Project Cost
What is the total cost of your project?

978.64

Statement of Need
Please describe the need for this project. For example, how will this project impact student learning?

Newman Elementary is a Title One school and many of our students have little or no access to digital resources, devices, or the Internet in their homes. As the school librarian it is my plan to help provide students at our school with devices that will enable them to utilize free digital resources for reading, such as the the electronic books available through our school district as well as those provided by sources such as the

Gutenberg Project, the Billings Public Library, and through applications from the Google Play Store, such as Raz Kids A-Z. Providing this additional resource will help alleviate a portion of the "digital divide" among students in our school and help them become successful as they move on to middle and high school.

Primary Goal

Please describe the primary goal of the project and how it blends with School District 2 goals and curriculum.

As the elementary librarian at Newman Elementary School, one of my goals is to increase enthusiasm for reading among our students while developing their reading skills and enhancing their interactions with peers in a positive academic setting. With the introduction of electronic books as a library resource and option in our district, I would like to purchase Nook E-readers to help inspire our students to read more and to create a sense of enthusiasm among themselves as they read and share what they are reading. This would help fulfill Standard 5 in the Library Information Literacy Curriculum Guide which is to "enable students to pursue personal interest's through literature". In addition, Common Core Standards suggest "students employ technology to help enhance their reading, listening and language use". The ways our students are learning to read, reading for information, and reading for pleasure is changing and evolving with the introduction of electronic books and devices.

Project Description

Briefly identify the major activities and materials involved in your project.

My plan is to provide students with reasonably priced, yet durable, e-readers, the Nook, which they can check out to their classrooms and read e-books already purchased and cataloged by our school district using their library card numbers. In conjunction with this, I would like to coordinate regularly scheduled times that I can meet with students during their lunch times to hold book talks and discussions as a group. Since I am requesting Nook e-readers that have access to the Apps on the Google Play Store, I would like to eventually take my students a step further by providing them opportunities to journal and/or create book trailers to inspire other's to read. The possibilities are endless as students and peers become advocates for reading and I believe having this technological resource would be a great resource to build that enthusiasm. Although our students have free access to e-books through many resources, including our district's e-book collection, many of our students at Newman Elementary don't have the devices and or Internet capabilities to download or utilize this awesome resource. Newman Elementary is a Title One school and many of our students have limited resources at home for to fully embrace the technological advances taking place in our school and community. Attached you will find slides from Sue Polanka's "No Shelf Required" which I obtained from the American Library Association that discusses research in relation to lower income families and "The Great Digital Divide".

In addition to my primary goal of increasing reading enthusiasm among our students, the purchase of Nooks will help our students as they graduate to the middle schools in our community which have Nooks so they may continue to enjoy electronic books as well as join reading clubs at the middle school level that are a part of the middle school libraries as well

Finally, since there may be times when a Nook may not be being used by a student. Having access to the Google Play store would enable me to utilize the devices with students at all grade levels during our scheduled library times. Having this resource, in addition to the IPODS I already have in the library, I can share read share books electronically with my classes by utilizing Apps available through the Google Play Store, for example, by using the Raz- A-Z, reading application that primary students use in their classrooms or by utilizing the free e-books available from our public library. The resources are endless and with the ability to highlight and look up definitions, the opportunities and ways to use these device to enhance reading at all levels and abilities including assisting the struggling reader are nearly endless as well.

Professional Development
If your project includes professional development how will it improve student performance?

As a librarian, it is important for me to stay on top of current informational and technological advancements. I am a firm believer that professional development and networking among my peers directly enhances student performance. I will take workshops and classes as they become available in regards to our district's electronic book collections and devices as well as those offered during conferences such as the Montana Library Association Conference. I will also network with other librarians in our school district to discuss and to get feedback and ideas from, as e-books become a larger part of our book collection. As students gain enthusiasm for this new reading resource, I will assist other interested teachers in my building and share the devices and assistance in their classrooms when available.

Project Timeline
When will you implement your project?

Implementation of this project will start as soon as the school district has set up the devices for use as required. I will create enthusiasm among my students in library class and will seek out students who are willing to share their love for reading with others. I am hoping to begin a book club utilizing the devices this spring and to add on to ways they are utilized in many years to follow

Plan for Evaluation
How will you evaluate student outcomes for your project?

I will utilize the library year-end statistics provided through our automated circulations system to show whether there is an increase in the number of electronic books checked out. I will also talk with students as I will value their input on how these reading devices have inspired them to read more.

Project Budget
Please explain how the funds from this grant will be spent to support your project goal. You can either type or upload a project budget to show how funds will be used. Please identify other funding sources if applicable.

Price Breakdown for the Nook (1).docx
6 Nook HD 7" Tablets $774
2 Power Kit's for Nook HD's $24.94
6 Durable Nook Cover's $179.70

See Attachment for detailed price list

Supervisor Approval*
I have received approval from my supervisor to apply for this grant.

yes

Attachment 1
Please attach any photos, pages from catalogs, or other documents below. This is completely optional.

Nook Benefits.docx

Attachment 2
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Attachment 3

File Attachment Summary

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- A virus was detected in the file so it was not uploaded to the system

Price Breakdown for the Nook:

$129 x 6=$774

$12.47 x 2= 24.94

$29.95 x 6= 179.70

Total Price: $978.64

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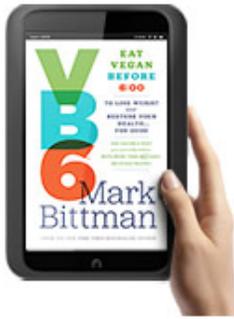
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Video: MP4, 3GP, WEBM
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Reader/Other: PDF, ePUB, DRP, ePIB, FOLIO, OFIP, CBZ, TXT, RTF, XLS, DOC, PPT, PPS, PPSX, DOCX, XLSX, PPTX, LOG, CSV, EML, ZIP
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