2007 Every Child Ready to Read Grant

Grant Number: 07-ECRR-001 Award: \$1,000.00 Organization: Elma Timberland Library

Abstract: Funding will accomplish two projects. The first, "Born Readers" will purchase books from the Timberland Regional Library's *100 Books Every Child Should Hear before Starting School* list for a traveling collection to the Elma preschools and daycare facilities. The second will be to start a program for expectant parents and babies under the age of one year to receive a "Bundle of Joy" gift packet with information about reading to your baby, library information, and a complimentary book.

Grant Number: 07-ECRR-002 Award: \$1,000.00 Organization: La Conner Regional Library

Abstract: The "Nurturing a Reading-Ready Child" project will focus on providing information on the "Six Skills", making reading fun, getting the most out of reading together, and other activities which foster a reading-ready child. The hope is to reach pre-school parents, caregivers and personnel in Skagit County.

Grant Number: 07-ECRR-003 Organization: Puyallup Public Library Award: \$1,000.00

Abstract: The "Baby Brain Boosters" project will partner with the Mom & Baby Support Groups at Good Samaritan Hospital to expose parents in the Puyallup area to many different aspects of early literacy. By bringing knowledgeable speakers to the Mom & Baby Support Groups and the Puyallup Public Library, parents will learn about early brain research as well as early literacy skills to be used at home.

Grant Number: 07-ECRR-004 Organization: Roslyn Public Library Award: \$1,000.00

Abstract: The "Ready to Read in Roslyn" project aims to bring together the community's preschool educators with the Roslyn Public Library to promote literacy skills in preschoolers. To achieve this goal, the library and the two preschools will host a special autumn event. Storytelling will be scheduled, refreshments will be on hand, and special book bags will be given to the children and their parents.

Grant Number: 07-ECRR-005 Award: \$1,000.00 Organization: Liberty Lake Municipal Library

Abstract: The "Reading Readiness: When? Why? How?" project will provide two workshops for local childcare providers and parents, focusing on six skills of early literacy. The project will include specific tips and techniques for developing the six skills with children ages 0-5, and will also provide parents and educators with free literacy resources, including pamphlets, children's books, professional reference books and DVDs.

Grant Number: 07-ECRR-006 Organization: Asotin County Library Award: \$1,000.00

Abstract: "The Whole Kit and Caboodle" project is the assembly, promotion, and circulation of 15 interactive Story Time Theme Kits focusing on topics of interest to children 3 to 5 years old. The kits will include books, learning materials, videos/DVDs, finger plays and songs, as well as tip sheets for parents and caregivers on early literacy topics.

Grant Number: 07-ECRR-007 Organization: Sunnyside Library Award: \$1,000.00

Abstract: The "Books to Grow On" project will purchase a collection of age-appropriate books to deposit in Head Start preschool classrooms serving children from 2 to 5 years. Teachers and aides will use the books to read to children, and material will be rotated monthly when public library staff members visit to do storytimes.

Grant Number: 07-ECRR-008 Award: \$1,000.00 Organization: Shelton Timberland Library

Abstract: The "PLANT THE SEED: Six Basic Skills for Reading Success" project will enable library staff to incorporate training in the six basic skills for reading success into free book distributions conducted by First Book-Mason County for their recipient groups serving children birth through five. Parents and caregivers will also learn about the library's resources for young children.