

SNAPDRAGON NEWSLETTER

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The Foundation

The Snapdragon Book Foundation was started in 2008 by a former librarian who saw the difference a single book could have on a child. Grants are awarded to school libraries that serve disadvantaged children.

Often when budgets are limited, books are pushed aside for additional needed resources such as computers and other forms of media. With this in mind, The Snapdragon Book Foundation wanted to provide grants for actual books so that they can continue to make a difference in a child's life. The books that the awarded schools have chosen are fiction and non-fiction and range from picture books to short story math books to chapter books to research books.

The foundation awards grants each school year and hopes to continue to increase the amount of funds available for this wonderful cause.

2010 Grants

- Coney Island Prep*** (Brooklyn, NY)
Grades 5-7: expanding library to accommodate expanding school
- Dorton Elementary*** (Dorton, KY)
Elementary: adding interest books for boys
- Excel Academy Charter School*** (Boston, MA)
Grades 5-8: expanding library
- Excel Academy Public Charter*** (Washington, D.C.)
Girls Grades Pre K-3: creating a lending library for early readers
- Genesis Academy*** (Phoenix, AZ)
Grades 9-12: Books for after school reading club
- Hmong College Prep Academy*** (St. Paul, MN)
High School: Books for library serving Hmong population
- Ridgewood High School*** (Norridge, IL)
Grades 9-12: Books for Teen Literature Symposium
- Whitford Middle School*** (Beaverton, OR)
Grades 6-8: Books for summer bookmobile program

Generous Donations

With your generous donations this year, The Snapdragon Book Foundation was able to provide funds for books to an additional eight schools from eight different states serving disadvantaged kids from coast to coast. We would like to thank the following people for thinking of Snapdragon:

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Applications

Each year, the foundation is improving the process in which applications are submitted and reviewed. In 2009, Snapdragon received 25 applications for grants. In 2010, the foundation received over 200. Next year, it expects even more needy schools to apply. Please check the Snapdragon website for additional information on how to apply for a grant. The website is listed at the top of this newsletter.

The application decision process is never an easy one. With so many schools in need of funds for books, it is very difficult to determine which schools should be awarded the grants. In 2010, Snapdragon provided funding to a diverse group of schools and projects. Grant funds went towards books for new libraries, expanding libraries, book clubs, early reader lending libraries, summer bookmobiles and more.



*Have a wonderful
Holiday Season!
~Your friends at Snapdragon*