



Ready Readers Grant Award

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Chatham Education Foundation is honored to award the Ready Readers Grant for \$7446.88 to Peggy Herr, Kim McMurray and Lori Shulman.

The District's Basic Skills teachers have shared that working with struggling readers on their reading journey is an incredibly rewarding job. One of their biggest gifts is helping a student unlock the magic of reading. However, finding authentic, research based resources to reach individual students with different learning styles, interests, and needs can be challenging. With this grant, the District will gain many copies of over 130 new titles for reading levels A-K. Included with the system are "take home" books and transport bags so students can bring home the same books they are working on in the classroom. Furthermore, there are a variety of teaching tools to support virtual and in class learning, such as access to digital leveled books and over 130 folders that focus on oral reading as well as comprehension activities. Lastly, the program includes resources for teachers so they can enhance both their virtual and in person teaching through lesson ideas and materials.

The grant leverages Fountas and Pinnell's Leveled Literacy Intervention. This program has turned thousands of struggling readers into successful readers. The goal in Basic Skills Instruction is to instill a love of reading through the use of the Leveled Literacy Intervention. The system contains books from reading levels A all the way through K, so teachers will be able to use these texts and activities throughout grades 1, 2, and 3 at SBS, MAS and WAS!

Finding different avenues to reach each struggling reader is one of the most important aspects of Basic Skills Instruction. This year especially is important to find quality resources that also have a digital component for virtual learning. Having this effective and highly rated program will enhance the District's already valuable program. Since our students need to work on specific skills through altered learning strategies, the program is focused on providing individualized, effective instruction. This enriched literacy system will support the individualized instruction and be beneficial to all our current and future students.

Chatham Education Foundation is honored to support the SDOC on improving the learning curriculum and tools for our students.