

LAMBDA STATE FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL STUDIES, INC. Stipend Descriptions

1987	\$300	Alpha Phi Chapter	Community Resources for School Improvement Created a file of outside speakers for schools, community organizations, etc., in three county area
1988	\$500	Omega Chapter	Books for Babies Provided books for newborns in two area hospitals
1989	\$500	Nu Chapter	Gift Books with Common Place Provided books and tutoring for children
	\$500	Alpha Phi Chapter	VAS Housing Literacy Program Developed a library and tutoring program in a housing project
1991	\$400	Beta Rho Chapter	Reading Resource Area for Groundwork Provided a bookcase and books for a shelter home for battered women and children
	\$500	Alpha Upsilon Chapter	RX for Reading Readiness Provided appropriate reading materials for children in medical offices in a five county area
	\$200	Mary Davis (Gamma Nu)	Children's Summer Theatre Provided seed money to start project – production for children by children
	\$300	Beta Beta Chapter	Classroom Resources for Disadvantaged Students Provided seed money to start project to add reading resources
	\$500	Alpha Nu Chapter	Sharing Books to Increase Literacy in Safe Place Provided books for children in crisis center; members read to children
	\$500	Beta Gamma Chapter	Lending Libraries for Title XX Day Care Centers Provided permanent libraries and tutor
1992	\$400	Iota Chapter	Learning Games Library Established and publicized a Learning Games Library collection through cooperative effort with Bellwood library staff
	\$400	Gamma Xi Chapter	Reading Roses, A Guide to Literacy Programs Compiled and distributed a booklet on literacy programs available in the Fox Valley area
	\$400	Beta Delta Chapter	Hooked on Books Provided a 6-week summer reading program for children in Baldwin-Tilden where there is no public library
1993	\$400	Wanda Hermann (Alpha Mu)	Write 2000 Funded an after-school writing club for students in Pearl City C.U.S.O. #200 in grades three through eight which provided enrichment writing opportunities to extend classroom skills through the use of process writing
	\$594.55	Alpha Nu Chapter	Developing Children's Language & Literacy through Meaningful Experiences Purchased big books and developed activities related to each title to support the Busy Bee Children's Daycare Center in Lake County during an eight-week summer project which introduced quality literature to the children and provided extended learning experiences

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	\$400	Alpha Mu Chapter	Books for Literacy Provided books and magazines for children in three different areas of Freeport (two housing projects and the King Center)
	\$400	Beta Kappa Chapter	Bringing Books to Bradford Court Provided four-week summer project for children ages three through nine residing in the Bradford Court public housing complex during which chapter members used thematically-based literature and music activities to encourage reading for at-risk students
	\$450	Nu Chapter	Common Place, Art/Drama Project for Families Provided materials for coats-of-arms, batik, and drama for fifth grade children and their families enrolled in Common Place Extended Family Program
1994	\$200	Gamma Zeta Chapter	Magazines for Children Provided subscriptions to children's magazines for the children of students in adult literacy programs
1995	\$290	Alpha Nu Chapter	Take Home Library Project Purchased books for children at Busy Bee Children's Center
	\$400	Gamma Chapter	Individual Titles for Supplemental Reading Provided materials for use by students in the Treatment and Learning Center (Jr. H.S. & H.S.) in Kansas IL
	\$150	Nu Chapter	Common Place: Creative Awareness Program Provided art materials and refreshments for Common Place Creative Awareness Program
	\$400	Nu Chapter	Family Literacy: Together is Better Purchased books for pre-school students at Common Place
	\$250	Alpha Upsilon Chapter	Grandmother Goose Provided books for retired members to read to children
	\$500	Alpha Phi Chapter	Raise a Reader Provided a calendar and materials for newborns to encourage parental reading (jointly sponsored by Rotary and Passavant Hospital)
	\$600	Alpha Chi Chapter	Literacy Support for the Anawim Center's Creativity Club Purchased recordings and books to support creative activities to enhance the knowledge of the Native American children in their culture
	\$400	Beta Delta Chapter	Hooked on Reading Purchased books and related materials to provide a summer reading program for students that did not have access to a public library
1996	\$800	Alpha Phi Chapter	Raise a Reader Provided funds to obtain 500 books needed to continue literacy project
	\$200	Beta Epsilon Chapter	Read Aloud for Hispanic Families Provided Spanish/English dictionaries and story/picture books for children to check out and use at home
	\$100	Mu Chapter	Reading in the Mall Provided materials for distribution to students in the Mall; chapter worked jointly with Blackhawk Reading Council
	\$200	Gamma Chapter	Individual Titles for Supplemental Reading Provided materials for use by students in the Treatment and Learning Center (K-6) in Kansas IL
	\$250	Alpha Upsilon Chapter	Grandmother Goose Provided books for retired members to read to children (second year allocation)

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1997	\$200	Beta Epsilon Chapter	Read Alouds for Hispanic Families Provided Spanish/English dictionaries and classic and popular children's books printed in Spanish for children in kindergarten to check out and use at home; tapes accompanied books and parents were encouraged to read stories aloud to children
	\$250	Gamma Zeta Chapter	Magazines for Children Provided subscriptions to children's magazines for the children of students in area adult education programs
	\$500	Beta Sigma Chapter	Pennies for the Piano for Preschoolers Provided funds to recondition and tune piano for a Head Start Program and a book for each Head Start child
	\$1000	Beta Gamma Chapter	Mini-Libraries for Title XX Daycare Centers Provided book bags and reading libraries appropriate for preschool children and their families at day care centers
	\$500	Diana Behnke (Beta)	The Sunform Alphabet System Purchased Sunform Alphabet System to remediate students in first grade classroom; system utilized visual techniques to stimulate auditory and kinesthetic modalities necessary for beginning reading and writing
	\$500	Chi Chapter	Building Blocks to Reading Provided infant packet to each baby born at the Jerseyville Hospital and supplied area libraries with books to give to each infant whose parent presented the coupon from the infant packet
1998	\$500	Sheila Diaz (Beta)	Be A Star: Read! Provided funds for purchasing books and materials for a family literacy program for parents and their kindergarten students (Be A Star Literacy Program)
	\$1145	Loralee Pena (Xi)	Laura Lee Provided book covering various aspects in the lives of foster children; book will serve as a resource and inspiration for individuals involved in the lives of foster children
	\$600	Alpha Theta Chapter	Light Up Your Past Provided funds to develop at the McHenry County Historical Society theme-based hands-on activities for preschool through second grade children and information for understanding and appreciation of the family and community
1999	\$500	Gamma Upsilon Chapter	Enrichment Activities in Art Provided partial funding for an after school art class for high school students at Wayne City High School; class provided individual attention for talented high school art students by assisting them in developing problem-solving skills in art, preparing portfolios for art school admission, and exposing them to new techniques and materials
	\$500	Gamma Gamma Chapter	Family Fun Bags Provided funds for sturdy bags containing learning games and books at a variety of reading levels for check out to children; project encouraged families to spend time working together enjoying books and activities
	\$500	Gamma Upsilon Chapter	Book Bearing Bunny Provided funds for Gamma Upsilon "Bunnies" to visit pre-K classrooms, read stories, and distribute bunny book bags (book, bunny book mark, Bunny Gram, "read to me" chart, & book coupon for Library Bunny Night Story Hour for parents/children)
	\$2000	Gamma Iota Chapter	Power Packs for Literacy Provided funds for school supply packets for home use (educational resources & accompanying learning activities issued quarterly to low income students) which included paper, crayons, markers, pencils, drawing paper, rulers, dictionaries, children's books, subscriptions to <i>Highlights/Ranger Rick</i> , flashcards, cards, dice, packets of Literacy Ideas for math, science, social studies, reading & vocabulary

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2000	\$500	Alpha Upsilon Chapter	<p>Book Bearing Bunny Provided funds for Gamma Upsilon “Bunnies” to visit pre-K classrooms, read stories, and distribute bunny book bags (book, bunny book mark, Bunny Gram, “read to me” chart, & book coupon for Library Bunny Night Story Hour for parents/children)</p>
	\$800	Chi Chapter	<p>Connecting with the Great Masters Provided funding to expose students to the works of Master Artists, stimulate students to explore the lives of the artists, events of the period in which the artists lived and to understand the use of the visual arts to communicate ideas and feeling</p>
	\$1000	Gamma Chapter	<p>I Like Me Provided funding for continuation and expansion of a reading enhancement program (special self- concept reading program) designed for kindergartners; co-sponsored by Mattoon Rotary</p>
	\$3000	Beta Eta Chapter	<p>A Back to School Basket of Basics Provided partial funding for baskets for beginning teachers; baskets to include teaching supplies, Wong’s book <i>The First Days of School: How to Be An Effective Teacher</i>, CD <i>Strengthen the Mind: Music for Intelligence and Learning</i>, and Delta Kappa Gamma information</p>
	\$700	Antoinette Minuzzo (Alpha Nu)	<p>Publish As the Wind Blows, Book by Adult Learner in Lake county Provided funding to publish and distribute to literacy programs <i>As the Wind Blows: Reflections</i>, a book by a Lake County adult learner to be used by adult learners and tutors</p>
	\$1450	Nu Chapter	<p>Family Reading Nights 2000-2001 Provided funding to support four Common Place Family Reading Nights; each evening focuses on a particular time in American history based upon one of Scholastic Book company’s series <i>If you Lived in the Time of ...</i> and includes thematic meal, crafts, games, stories and reading.</p>
	\$1500	Alpha Tau Chapter	<p>Baby’s Birthday Book Provided funding for project including a board book presented to a mother and child for baby’s first birthday through Macoupin county Public Health Department’s WIC Program</p>
	\$500	Delta Chapter	<p>Teaching for Fun Provided funds to purchase games, puzzles, books, and equipment to help children (ages one through eleven) develop and apply fine motor, reading and social skills in a positive learning environment; chapter members volunteered at the St. Clair County Public Health Office where they worked with young children while parent(s) were discussing health and nutrition problems with staff</p>
	\$250	Gamma Zeta Chapter	<p>Subscriptions for Kids Provided funding for subscriptions for <i>Sesame Street Magazine</i> for pre-kindergarten Head Start children in Shiloh Grade School in O’Fallon</p>
	\$2000	Betty Trummel (Gamma Psi)	<p>Teachers Experiencing Antarctica Education Trunk Provided funds to equip Antarctica Trunk with books, videotapes, CD Rom’s, maps, and learning tools to help teachers teach about this unique continent</p>
	\$500	Chi Chapter	<p>Building Blocks to Reading Provided infant packet to each baby born at the Jerseyville Hospital and supplied area libraries with books to give to each infant whose parent(s) presented the coupon from the infant packet</p>
	\$1500	Gamma Chapter	<p>I Like Me</p>

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			Provided funding for continuation and expansion of a reading enhancement program (special self-concept reading program) designed for kindergarteners; co-sponsored by Mattoon Rotary
2001	\$1500	Gamma Chapter	I Like Me Provided funding for continuation and expansion of a reading enhancement program (special self-concept reading program) designed for kindergarteners; co-sponsored by Mattoon Rotary
	\$640	Carol Drish (Mu)	Books for Babies Provided partial funding for children's books for the Rock Island County Health Department that distributes them on a daily basis as they make home visits to needy families
	\$380	Beta Sigma Chapter	Christmas Book Parties Provided funding for the purchase of children's books to give as gifts to 20-30 children at the Longview Housing Authority. Children are invited to a Christmas party that includes storytelling, Christmas music, and a puppet show. At the end of the party each child is given a book to take home.
	\$1303.64	Nu Chapter	Winners' Showcase Provided partial funding to expose Kindergarten through 4 th graders at Common Place to Caldecott Award winning titles during four bi-monthly sessions to include storyteller/guest reader and art/music/drama enrichment activities; project provides for hardback and paperback editions of books, taped recordings of books, cameras and a Winners' Showcase of books to be presented by children for parents/families
	\$670.60	Rosemary Troxel (Alpha Nu)	Kids and Chemistry Provided funding for 5 th grade students, through hands on interaction with actual chemists, to gain an understanding of basic chemistry techniques and safety procedures while exploring the basics of chemistry
	\$920.36	Roberta Young (Sigma)	Growing Green Thumbs and More Provided funding for greenhouse offering a year-round opportunity for 3 rd grade science students to experience the life cycles and wonders of plant life, experiment with weather and discover how weather affects plants
	\$1500	Alpha Tau Chapter	Baby's Beginning Books Provided partial funding for project including a board book presented to a mother and child for baby's first birthday through Macoupin County Public Health Department's WIC Program and library books for Head Start programs in Macoupin County
	\$2000	Beta Omicron Chapter	Baby Talk Provided partial funding for Baby Talk Program in which a board book, brochure, bookmark and booklet are given to each newborn baby at Pekin Hospital; <i>Babybug</i> magazine presented on first visit to public library; project encourages education of parents in importance of reading to children
	\$800	Eta Chapter	Packed Up and Ready for School Provided partial funding for backpacks filled with school supplies for disadvantaged children in Evanston's two Title One schools
	\$500	Delta Chapter	Teaching for Fun – Phase II Provided funding for books for 1-5 year olds and pamphlets for parents emphasizing importance of reading to child; books/pamphlets distributed by chapter members volunteering at the St. Clair County Public Health Office as they work with young children while parent(s) are discussing health and nutrition problems with staff.
	\$1500	Martha Heape (Beta Eta)	W.O.R.M.S. (We're Outstanding Readers at Molden School)

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			Provided partial funding for three-part project to encourage/enhance reading and writing: project includes parent workshop to help parents help children with reading/writing, before-school book club twice a week featuring books by different authors and bringing author Elizabeth Levy to school for assembly, teacher/student workshops and author dinner
2002	\$275	Nu Chapter	Tales Two Ways Provided additional funding for after-school tutoring groups to present picture books depicting traditional tales from different cultures and different points of view in support of Common Place, a social justice/social service agency
	\$1000	Barbara Montgomery (Beta Epsilon)	Job Skill Training for Life Skill Students at the Secondary Level Provided continued funding to further develop additional job skill competencies for mentally retarded high school students in a self-contained Life Skills classroom
	\$973.40	Dorothy Stanfield (Gamma Theta)	Books for Babies Provided funding to publish the winning story created by a sixth grade student on a limited basis so that a copy will be given to each baby born in a local hospital
	\$300	Gamma Upsilon Chapter	Blooming Bookworms Provided funding for distributing age-appropriate books/bookworm bookmarks to children at the spring Literary Fest at Frontier Community College
	\$1000	Omega Chapter	Books for Babies Provided funding to present mothers of newborn babies in Kewanee and Geneseo hospitals with a gift package of a board book, Reading is Fundamental brochures, and an evaluation form
	\$1000	Gamma Chapter	I Like Me Provided funding for further continuation and expansion of a reading enhancement program (special self-concept reading program) designed for kindergartners; co-sponsored by Mattoon Rotary
	\$500	Cathy Prough (Chi)	Outdoor Classroom: A Butterfly Garden Provided funding for classroom supplies, butterfly rearing supplies, and garden supplies to establish a butterfly garden with third graders at White Hall Elementary School
	\$750.60	Rosemary Troxel (Alpha Nu)	Kids and Chemistry Provided funding for purchase of kits to explore chemistry concepts with chemist volunteers 1 ½ hours one day a month in another area school
	\$500	Chi Chapter	Building Blocks for Babies Provided continued funding for infant literacy packets to be given to all new babies born at the Jersey Community Hospital
	\$1250	Barbara Montgomery (Beta Epsilon)	Curriculum Development for Life Skills Students at the Secondary Level Using Community Sites for Job Skill Training Provided partial funding to assist in development of a curriculum and materials for self-contained Life Skills classroom for high school students
	\$1098.18	Phyllis Fresen (Beta Eta)	Second Step for First Step Provided funding to purchase equipment/materials to be used for developing gross motor skills of preschoolers attending First Step Learning Center
	\$1000	Lou Ann Harms (Alpha Beta)	Improving Reading Achievement Through the Use of Accelerated Reader Provided partial funding to purchase books and quizzes to supplement the Accelerated Reading program
	\$500	Alpha Phi Chapter	Raise a Reader

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			Provided partial funding to give a book to every baby born at a local hospital and to provide information to each new mother about the importance of reading to a baby from the time of birth.
	\$500	Nu Chapter	Tales Two Ways Provided partial funding for after school tutoring groups using picture books presenting traditional tales from different cultures and different points of view. Books to be placed in Common Place library.
	\$650	Alpha Tau Chapter	BBB and Beyond Provided partial continued funding for board books presented to a mother/child on a child's first birthday through Macoupin County Public Health Department
	\$500	Beta Phi Chapter	Book Angels Provided funding to purchase books for more than twenty community children who would never own their own book without this assistance
2003	\$350	Nancy Polios (Beta Epsilon)	Curriculum Improvement for Authentic Voices Provided further funding to purchase video tapes that can be used from year to year in the Authentic Voices program, which promotes positive self-images for young women
	\$250	Barbara Montgomery (Beta Epsilon)	Classroom and Community Enrichment Experiences for Life Skill Special Education Students Provided funding to help develop a sheltered workshop for freshmen and sophomore students as part of their prevocational class. A variety of experiences (e.g., doing laundry in school, maintenance work, pop can recycling, and landscaping) will be introduced to prepare students for the world of work.
	\$450	Nu Chapter (Mary Sutton)	Using the Wilson Reading System w/ Adult Beginning Readers Provided funds to train two volunteer tutors and Common Place Academic Advisor in the use of the Wilson Reading System with 5 adult beginning readers. System is designed to help dyslexic and learning-disabled learners decode and encode the written language.
	\$500	Gamma Chapter (Bonnie Woodyard)	I Like Me Provided funding for further continuation and expansion of reading enhancement program (special self-concept reading program) designed for kindergarteners; co-sponsored by Mattoon Rotary for 4 years
	\$400	Nancy Polios (Beta Epsilon)	Authentic Voices Provided funds for students' conferences fees, books, journaling supplies, and field trips for an extra-curricular activity for female high school students that helps them to focus on their goals without yielding to media/social pressure and to become aware of relationships that are counterproductive to their futures
	\$300	Lou Ann Harms (Alpha Beta)	Magnificent Magazines: Fostering Life-long Learning Provided partial funding for purchasing children's magazines to be placed in classrooms, libraries, and health care provider's offices with the intent of fostering life-long reading through magazines
	\$1100	Betty Baer (Gamma Zeta)	Reaching New Heights Provided partial funding for purchasing high interest/low reading level hardback books for an after school-tutoring program for kindergarten through fifth grade readers.
	\$750	Beta Beta Chapter	Family Reading Night

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			Provided funding to purchase books and bags that will be distributed at a family reading night at the library to help families become familiar with the library and the importance of reading as a family endeavor. Chapter is collaborating with other community organizations.
	\$1200	Margaret Haley (Alpha Theta)	Friday Friends Provided funds to increase pre-reading, listening, and oral language skills of 200 mono- and bi-lingual at-risk pre-k and 34 Head Start students through developing a senior citizen volunteer small group read-aloud program using doublewide rocking chairs.
	\$1500	Alpha Tau Chapter	BBB and Beyond Provided funding to continue to disseminate literacy packets through the Macoupin County Public Health Department's WIC program, Healthy Families of Illinois, and Head Start. Chapter also supports with funds and has updated brochure, labels, and parental response cards.
	\$1000	Teresa Staggs (Gamma Upsilon)	Everybody Read! Provided funding for low level/high interest Accelerated Reader books along with tests for special education students
	\$500	Gamma Eta Chapter	School Supplies for Needy Children Provided funds for purchasing school supplies for children of low income families which are distributed through Addison Community Switchboard, a local social agency
	\$1700	Kathy Cook/Marti Heape (Beta Eta)	Reading Beyond the Curriculum Provided funding for a before school book club that features a different author each month, monthly assemblies that recognize and reward students for their reading efforts, and a visit by a renowned author
	\$500	Beta Phi Chapter	Book Angels – 2003 Provided funds to continue this program of giving books to underprivileged children at Christmas. With last year's increased funding 101 discounted books were purchased instead of the usual 30-40.
2004	\$1000	Alpha Phi Chapter	Raise A Reader & Baby Bear Books Provided funding for a continued project that provides calendar packets and books for newborns at Passavant Hospital and gives books to parents in Morgan Co. Family Case Management Program to encourage parent reading to children
	\$500	Michelle Dahl (Alpha)	Author Study Centers Provided funding for portable author study presentation boards providing author information and reading comprehension extension activities appropriate for grades K-6. Project to serve 16 teachers and 365 students.
	\$750	Patti Fleser (Alpha Nu)	Spanish Language Fiction to Encourage Recreational Reading and Literacy Skills Funded the purchase of Spanish fiction books to be read by native Spanish speaking students encouraging them to keep their native literacy as they learn English. Project also enhances foreign language program
	\$290	Lou Ann Harms (Alpha Beta)	More Magnificent Magazines Provided further funding for purchasing children's magazines to be placed in classrooms, libraries, and health care provider's offices with the intent of fostering life-long reading through magazines
	\$400	Beta Beta Chapter	Family Reading Night Provided funding for further continuation of their project, which provides a selection of children's books and family referenced books for the book bag given to all families who attend the reading night
	\$250	Gamma Eta Chapter	Operation Backpack

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			Provided further funding for chapter that has been supplying school supplies to low-income families to help needy children get off to a positive start
	\$700	Sylvia Olson (Alpha Nu)	Bridging the Language-Literacy Connection Provided funds for children in early childhood special education class who will write stories along with pictures for an individual take-home book to help them understand that words have meaning and to share with parents
	\$300	Beta Phi Chapter	Book Angels Provided further funding toward the continuation of the project that gives books to underprivileged children in Naperville during the holidays
	\$1200	Barbara Baumann (Alpha Beta)	Improving Reading One Child at a Time Provided funding for the use of specialized reading programs to determine the appropriate level of reading materials for students, increase their comprehension, etc.
	\$500	Karen Weinzierl (Gamma Gamma)	The Critic's Corner Provided funds for a "listening center" in music classroom where children will listen and write a musical critique from diverse historical periods. Project seeks to improve writing across the curriculum
	\$708	Gwen Dina (Nu)	Fixate, Follow, Learn Provided funding to help teachers of Early Childhood classes better understand the importance of basic developmental vision skills along with starting a Vision Materials Lending Library
2005	\$400	Beta Beta Chapter	A Gift from the Heart Provided funding for chapter to assist children in creating meaningful gifts for the adults in their families
	\$675	Mary Ann Pollitt (Alpha Tau)	Voyage to a Comet Provided funding for students involved in a four-week inquiry-based learning unit on the investigation of comets and their travels in space. Unit will culminate with a trip to the "Discovery Room" at the Challenger Center in St. Louis
	\$500	Gamma Eta Chapter	Operation Backpack Provided further funding for chapter that has been supplying school supplies to low-income families to help needy children get off to a positive start
	\$200	Alpha Zeta Chapter	Book Give Away at Decatur Celebrations Provided funding for the purchase of books to be given to pre-school through junior high aged children at a summer celebration to promote year round reading
	\$1000	Beta Epsilon Chapter	Book It Provided funding for all Moline School District first grade students to visit the new public library at the beginning of the school year where they will be introduced to the facility and receive a new backpack, library card and key chain
	\$283	Lou Ann Harms (Alpha Beta)	Magnificent Magazines Magnified Provided further funding of magazines for three elementary classrooms and a media center to spark an interest in reading and to foster life-long reading habits
	\$166.59	Gwen Dina (Alpha Lambda)	Magical Memory Keys Provided funding for the purchase of a series of booklets to help students who have problems using traditional learning strategies
	\$500	Gamma Zeta Chapter	Bibs for Babies

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			Provided funding for the purchase of new books, bibs, and pamphlets encouraging early literacy to be given to new parents through Memorial Hospital
	\$320	Beta Beta Chapter	National Family Literacy Day/Family Reading Night Provided funding for further continuation of their projects, which provides a selection of children's books and family reference books for the book bag given to all families who attend the reading night. Chapter is continuing to collaborate with other community organizations
	\$500	Joan Hartman (Delta Alpha)	Summer Reading 2005 Funded the purchase of books to encourage summer reading programs for children in various community locations including pools, restaurants, grocery stores, and parks; adult volunteers to provide read aloud time
	\$500	Gamma Chapter	Literacy Bookbags Provided funding for making bookbags, gathering materials for family activities, and purchasing books to encourage increased parental involvement with literacy education and to improve reading strategies and enhance reading levels. Project to serve various elementary schools from August to May
	\$300	Mary Emma Thompson (Alpha Upsilon)	Publishing A Guide to Depression Era Art in Illinois Post Offices Provided funding for authors' extensively researched and revised guide edition to be printed for the promotion of teacher-student education in New Deal art projects primarily in post offices
	\$500	Beta Phi Chapter	Book Angels – 2005 Provided further funding toward the continuation of the project that gives books to underprivileged children in Naperville during the holidays
	\$200	Marilyn Maffett (Tau)	Book Connections Purchase of library based non-internet computer and library software for use by elementary school youth
2006	\$400	Lou Ann Harms (Alpha Beta)	Storytelling to Motivate Readers Provided funding for the visit of a storyteller in presenting age-appropriate stories to children of five different grade levels
	\$650	Beta Beta Chapter	Gifts from the Heart Provided further chapter funding to assist children in at-risk families with materials necessary to create and decorate a variety of gifts for family members
	\$300	Shirley McKinney (Gamma)	Clark County Retired Teachers' Book Project Provided funding to the Clark County Retired Teachers' Association's (CCRTA) adopted book project, which presents a book to every Clark County first grade student
	\$800	Laura Pruett (Beta Eta)	Read Across America/Author Visit Provided assistance in the funding of author John Erickson to visit grade-leveled groups from three elementary schools
	\$937.50	Beta Beta Chapter	National Family Literacy Day/Family Reading Night Provided further assistance in the purchase of canvas bags, one English reference book, and one Spanish parenting book to 50 Hispanic families enrolled in Family Learning Institute
	\$200	Mary Emma Thompson (Alpha Upsilon)	Let's Look for Lincoln in Illinois Post Offices Provided assistance with the printing costs of a self-published children's book
	\$500	Beta Phi Chapter	Book Angels – 2006

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			Provided further funding of the purchase of books as Christmas gifts to specific children who are described as “book deprived” by various agencies
	\$540	Barbara Baumann (Alpha Beta)	A Living Museum, People of Historical Significance Provided assistance in the funding of 40 books and Accelerated Reader Tests for use with 4 th grade students who will adopt an historical persona
2007	\$200	Beta Sigma (Jahala DeMoulin)	Head Start Christmas Party Provided funds for two sessions of music, story reading, puppet shows, and book distributions to encourage reading and to entertain children
	\$600	Lana Nuessen (Sigma)	Growing Green Thumbs – Part 2 Provide funding to expand an existing vegetable garden to include a flower garden used to teach K-4 students about the four senses, the parts of plants, insects in gardening, care of plants, graphing and charting
	\$750	Alpha Tau (Kathy Malone with Jo Willard)	Baby’s Beginning Books and Beyond in the Springtime Provide funding to purchase quality board books for distribution by Macoupin County WIC Program within their Teen Parent Services and Healthy Families in Illinois Outreach.
	\$568.34	Lou Ann Harms (Alpha Beta)	Monarch Award Books – Reading Changes You Provided funds to purchase two sets of twenty Monarch Award nominated books to facilitate student participation in a favorite book selection process.
	\$280	Gwen Mathews (Alpha Lambda)	Taking Phonics to Early Childhood Classes Provided funding to research whether children aged four to six can better learn letter sounds and names when presented with a research-based phonics program adapted to individual learning styles.
	\$2000	Gamma Xi (Jeannette Miller)	Hand in Hand for Success Provided assistance with the development of a family lending library within the YWCA Family Literacy Project by providing DVD/VCR players, books, and tapes or DVDs for the program and incentives for the children served.
	\$800	Beta Beta (Elaine Darre Gillies with Peg Rees)	Gifts from the Heart Provided funding to give children in at-risk families the opportunity and materials necessary to make/create/decorate a variety of gifts for family members.
	\$500	Alpha Zeta (Linda Gross)	Decatur Celebration Book Give Away Provided funding to purchase books to give to children at a summer celebration to promote reading.
	\$800	Alpha Phi (Noreen Taylor)	Raise a Reader Aided in funding of a three-phased literacy project that provides a book and developmental calendar for every baby at the Passavant Area Hospital, books for disadvantaged children through the Morgan County Health Department and books awarded as prizes at an area-wide fair
	\$500	Alpha Zeta (Linda Gross)	Decatur Celebration Book Give Away Provided further assistance in the distribution of age appropriate books for any child at the celebration. Undistributed books are given to Women’s Prison Ministry or local motels
	\$500	Beta Phi (Kay Burton)	Book Angels – 2007 Provided further funding of the purchase of books as Christmas gifts to specific children who are described as “book deprived” by various agencies

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	\$600	Gamma Eta (Patricia Donnelly- Wascher)	Operation Backpack Provided further funding for chapter that has been supplying school supplies to low-income families to help needy children begin school with a positive start
	\$400	Pamela Painter (Chi)	Connecting with Artists and Their Art Provided funding to purchase pictures and books for the White Hall Elementary School library and obtain a speaker on the life and work of three famous artists
	\$1000	Beta Beta (Alba Blondis)	National Family Literacy Day/Family Reading Night Provided chapter funding to assist in providing a bag of children's books and a durable cover family reference book to 60 Hispanic families enrolled in Family Learning Institute
	\$200	Gamma Upsilon (Teresa Staggs)	Gamma Upsilon Readers' Fair Provided chapter funding in the purchase of 30 copies of "The Kite Runner" to share among members for a book discussion, and at conclusion of project to donate to local libraries
2008	\$400	Gamma Iota (Linda Johnson)	Dictionary Distribution Distributed intermediate dictionaries to 30 low-income students
	\$478	Juli Smith, Beth Weiss, Teri Peterson (Mu)	Second Step Social Skills Program Provided funding for a research-based social skills program that has been shown to reduce discipline referrals and increase social competency
	\$329	Rosemary Troxel (Alpha Nu)	Enhancing Reading Instruction with Boardmaker Used a graphics database to create picture/word game cards for remedial reading students or to show history to members
	\$250	Mary Emma Thompson (Alpha Upsilon)	Let's Look for Industry in Illinois Post Offices Assisted with printing of a book in progress on using art in Illinois post offices and focusing on industry in Illinois
	\$424	Rosemary Troxel (Alpha Nu)	Adler Book Club Blog Encouraged a school-wide family opportunity to read a novel at home to children and provided online discussions of story elements and vocabulary
	\$300	Shirley McKinney (Gamma)	Clark County Retired Teachers' Book Project Provided a free book to each first-grade student in Clark County in cooperation with the Clark County Retired Teachers' Association
	\$1,200	Barbara A. Montgomery (Beta Epsilon)	Science and Reading for Special Needs Students Developed a science lab for special education students in response to Illinois requirement of two years of science; taught Voweletics
	\$583.78	Omicron (Charlotte M. Farrell)	Martha's Books Honored memory of Martha Slyter by sharing her love of books with children in the school district she attended and worked in
	\$1,929.56	Nu (Mary L. Sutton)	Cultural Tales Coordinated storytelling, cultural demonstrations, a food experience, and the receipt of books for K-4 students at a social/justice agency

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	\$600	Beta Phi (Kay Burton)	Book Angels Provided books to literacy deficient children residing in economically challenged families during the holidays
	\$2,000	Ruth A. Wright (Alpha Rho)	AAUW Art Presenter 35th Anniversary Exhibit and Celebration Assisted with fees and expenses of a storyteller whose presentations enhanced student appreciation of a two-part exhibit of art created by children around the world
	\$1,000	Phi (Ginnie Hostetler)	Literacy Lifesavers Provided books and resource materials for 6 th -12 th grade teachers to use in augmenting their curriculum
	\$915	Beta Beta (Alba Blondis, Aileen Pleasant)	National Family Literacy Day/Family Reading Night Provided an evening of shared children's stories with 60 families, ending in refreshments, a raffle, and the receipt of a bag of children's books and a family reference book
	\$1,000	Debra Lynch (Beta Kappa)	Meeting the Need to Read Created two collections of books in large print and books in the Play-Away audio format
	\$400	Nancy Swanson (Beta Epsilon)	Helping Students with Special Needs Provided a sharable set of recommended books for a classroom to enrich, encourage, and provide reading opportunities
	\$500	Gamma Eta (Lydia Piwowarczyk)	Operation Backpack Provided necessary supplies to needy families prior to the beginning of the school year
	\$200	Mary Emma Thompson (Alpha Upsilon)	Let's Look for Farming in Illinois Post Offices Assisted in printing of a book that told a history of farming from the Indians to the 1930s and 1940s
	\$500	Patti Fleser/Melanie Masura (Alpha Nu, Beta Upsilon)	Picture Books in the Middle School Classroom Provided picture books to emphasize topics to Core and Encore classes and Character Education to 5 th -8 th grade homerooms in Deerpath Middle School
2009 May	\$416.35	Omicron (Charlotte Farrell)	Martha's Books 2009 Honor the memory of M. Slyter by sharing her love of books with children in Grundy County, the place where she was born and spent her entire educational career
	\$800	Beta Phi (Kay Burton)	Book Angels – 2009 Purchase books as Christmas gifts to specifically designated children who are described as “literacy deficient” and members of economically challenged families
	\$600	Beta Lambda (Rosemary Buffington)	Reading Enjoyment for Low Income Primary Students Purchase two books for each student in the 1 st grade at Riverton Elementary School
	\$585	Barbara Baumann (Alpha Beta)	Science – Learning and Sharing Students will use science non-fiction books to create electronic and/or interactive projects to be shared with other 4 th grade students
	\$905.50	Nu (Shirley Dresden)	Cultural Tales Coordinate storytelling, cultural demonstrations, a food experience and the receipt of book(s) for K-4 students at a social/justice agency

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	\$1200	Beta Beta (Patricia Rinkenberger/Lois Cipalo)	National Family Literacy Day/Family Reading Night Model reading children's books to 55 families and end the evening with refreshments, a raffle, library card applications, the receipt of a bag of children's books and a family reference book, and an exit survey
	\$750	Gamma Eta (Lydia Piwowarczyk)	Operation Backpack Provide necessary school supplies to needy families prior to the beginning of the school year
	\$1030	Beta Beta (Elaine Darre Gillies)	Gifts from the Heart Provide children from needy families in to a gift-giving evening so they can focus on giving during the holidays rather than on receiving
	\$2050	Dawn Biersborn (Beta Phi)	Document Cameras Can Increase Academic Success Provide increased visuals in everyday lessons to special education and identified "at risk" students
2009 Nov	\$656	Tammy Winters (Chi)	Art on a Cart Provide art appreciation and art instruction (by volunteers) in elementary school where art is no longer part of the curriculum
	\$2500	Gamma Gamma (Barbara Peterson)	Holy Family Lutheran School Library Programs and Resources Provide a school library (in a school that had no library) with appropriate books for various grade levels and serving a diverse, inner city population; retired educators have collected donated books and will process and staff the library
	\$1795	Janice Johnson & Kathy Davis (Alpha Rho)	Literature Listeners Purchase Plectalk Pocket Players used to download textbooks and other reading material for special education and delayed reading high school students
	\$440	Beta Phi (Linda Adcock)	Family Reading Night Cosponsor (with school and district) a family reading night party; each child will receive a token gift and at least two books to take home
2010 May	\$495	Gamma Iota (Linda G. Johnson)	Family Reading Night Provide 5 th grade students who attend a series of evening tutoring sessions at a non-school location with dictionaries, thesauri and a few other paperback books appropriate for their reading levels
	\$750	Beta Lambda (Rosemary Buffington)	Reading Enjoyment for Low Income Primary School Children Purchase books for each first and second grade student at Tallula and Petersburg Elementary Schools; chapter members will visit the schools prior to distribution to read with the children and discuss the books
	\$850	Sigma (Roberta Young)	Read for Success Provide the chapter with funds to choose and purchase one age and reading level appropriate book for each of 190 students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade; the chapter works with other community organizations on a program where area residents adopt low income students to provide for their needs
	\$1000	Omicron (Charlotte Farrell)	Martha's Books 2010 Honored memory of Martha Slyter by sharing her love of books with children in the school district she attended and in which she worked
	\$900	Beta Phi (Kay Burton)	Book Angels – 2010 Purchase books as Christmas gifts to specifically designated children who are described as "literacy deficient" and members of economically challenged families

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	\$1951	Nu (Johanne Grewell)	Cultural Tales from Africa Coordinate four African folktale programs consisting of storytelling, cultural demonstrations, a food experience and the receipt of book(s) for K-4 students at a social/justice agency; also, chapter members share personal experiences, research, dress, native languages, customs and geography with the children
	\$1000	Gamma Eta (Lydia Piwowarczyk)	Operation Backpack Provide backpacks and school supplies for 150 needy children; chapter members carefully shop for school supplies during the summer and meet to put together the backpacks; the supplies are delivered to the school so students are prepared for the first day
	\$1424	Beta Beta (Patricia Rinkenberger and Lois Cipalo)	Family Reading Night Serve 50 families at the Garfield Elementary School who attend the evening activities; families will receive a bag of children's books including a hard cover family reference book, fiction and non-fiction books for varying ages; families will be offered an opportunity to obtain a library card
	\$800	Gamma Upsilon (Nealy Hamson)	June Bug Hugs and June Bug Bags Provide hope to seriously ill, abused or traumatized children and to keep alive the caring behaviors and attitudes demonstrated by a late chapter member by working with high school home economic students to create handmade blankets and play items for these children
	\$2600	Gamma Xi (Joyce Pellicore and Maylo Hranac)	Improving Literacy of Preschool ESL Children Allows for the purchase of two computers to use in preschool learning environments; members will work with the preschool teachers to train them in using the computer software to help young children improve their knowledge and use of the English language
	\$500	Beta Beta (Elaine Gillies)	Gifts from the Heart Provide children from needy families to a gift-giving evening so they can focus on giving during the holidays rather than receiving
	\$1330	Renata Butauskiene (Beta Phi)	Summer Library Program Provide local children with three-hour long activities twice a week at an elementary school for the entire summer; activities include Book Buddies, Readers Theatre, and Home Alone and Life Skills classes; Rebecca Caudill 2011 books are to be introduced; high school students and chapter members are to serve as tutors
2010 Nov	\$250	Delta (Jacqueline Bainter)	A Look into the Historic Past of Bellville IL Provide students of two 4 th grade classes in two different school districts with a visit to two historical houses in Bellville; students will compare and contrast the two homes and their contents; chapter members will collaborate with the St. Clair County Historical Society in this pilot program
	\$785	Beta Phi (Linda Adcock)	Family Reading Night Cosponsor (with school, district and community) a family reading night party with a sports theme where older students from sports teams at the middle school will be mentors and role models for younger children; students will participate in various activities; each child will receive a token gift and books to take home
	\$870	Luann Harms (Alpha Beta)	A Carnival of Stories: Storytelling, A Ticket to Literacy Provide Pre-K through 4 th grade students at Prairie Central School with a professional storyteller for a day of listening to stories; the storyteller will move between the six grade levels to present stories appropriate to each age group
	\$200	Shirley McKinney (Gamma)	Clark County Retired Teachers' Association (CCRTA) Book Project Provide funds that will assist the CCRTA in giving each first grade student in Clark County a book of his/her own

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	\$500	Alpha Sigma (Linda Whitaker)	Book Shower Provide funds for books for a Pre-K Special Education classroom of ten students at MacArthur School in South Holland
	\$250	Sue Spurgetis / Chris Beierlein (Mu)	Targeted Reading Help for Response To Intervention (RTI) Students Provide for two subscriptions to Reading A-Z to be used at an elementary school, giving instructors access to a huge inventory of reading materials and targeted, specific assessments of various reading skills
	\$1400	Candace Rosene (Alpha Rho)	SMART Notebook Math Tools Upgrade Provide for the acquisition of SMART board Math Tools software for use in conjunction with the SMART board and TI graphing calculator emulator software in core mathematical competency classes and other courses at WIU and with mathematical education candidates, in workshops for other instructors and in area high schools
2011 May	\$900	Sigma (Roberta Young)	Reading for Success II Provide, wrap, and deliver books in two counties during the holiday season to 140 low-income students to create an interest in reading for the infant to first grade age group
	\$1,000	Beta Phi (Kay Burton)	Book Angels – 2011 Provide books during the holiday season for students from literacy deprived or economically challenged homes
	\$1,490	Nu (Johanne Grewell)	Cultural Tales from Africa Provide books used for storytelling, cultural demonstrations, a food experience, and gifts to children during an after-school program at a social/justice service agency
	\$600	Beta Lambda (Rosemary Buffington)	Reading Enjoyment for Low Income Primary School Children Provide three books for each first grade student at a school in Springfield after ordering, sorting and reading aloud one of the books in each classroom
	\$1,000	Omicron (Charlotte Farrell)	Martha's Books 2011 Provide read-aloud books for a local school and continue honoring the memory of past president Martha Slyter by fostering the love of reading through reading to students and giving each child a book for their personal library
	\$900	Gamma Eta (Lydia Piwowarczyk)	Operation Backpack Provide backpacks and necessary school supplies for 150 students to help prepare them for the first day of school and to enable them to begin on a positive note
	\$582	Shirley Jordan (Alpha Mu)	Addressing Older Dyslexic Students' Needs Provide high interest/low readability materials to improve reading skills for use at the Children's Dyslexic Center, Northwest
	\$2,671	Renata Butauskiene (Beta Phi)	Reading Corner Provide non-fiction books and one I-Pad in a learning center designed to enable students to complete research for class projects and to read books through different media
	\$300	Gamma Iota (Linda Johnson)	Reference Book Distribution Provide reference books to assist fourth and fifth grade children with their homework completion while attending a twelve-week mentoring program conducted by retired teachers
	\$650	Sherry Woodward (Alpha Epsilon)	Literacy's Autumn Conversation Café Provides adult and children's books and dictionaries to new English speakers and the opportunity to practice their skills in a welcoming, informal environment

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	\$1,358	Beta Beta (Patricia Rinkenberger/ Lois Cipalo)	Family Reading Night Provide three opportunities for families to participate in Family Reading Night events including a multi-cultural puppet show, shared children's stories for K-5, and an exploration of chapter books with middle school students through improvisation techniques led by professional actors, with all families receiving a bag of children's books
	\$375	Iota (Margaret Trybus)	Mentoring Matters: Guiding Pre-service Students into the Teaching Profession Provide inspiration books and planning calendars to mentor, coach, and inspire K-12 pre-service students planning to enter the teaching profession
	\$827	Beta Beta (Elaine Gillies)	Gifts from the Heart Cosponsor (with a social service agency) a holiday gift-making event for children of needy families with each child making 10-12 gifts "for others" reinforcing the concept of GIVING rather than 'getting'
	\$735	Louann Harms (Alpha Beta)	Multicultural/Multigenerational Reading Partners Provide multi-cultural books and props such as puppets and flannel board characters for third grade students to partner with and read to a preschool class and travel monthly to a local nursing home to read these books and complete activities with the residents
	\$284	Beta Theta (Mary Hauge)	Libros en Espanol Provide gift bag with three books in Spanish to be given to new Hispanic mothers by local hospitals and agencies such as Visiting Nurses along with the additional educational materials on discipline that will be incorporated by the Visiting Nurses
2012 May	\$830	Cynthia Christensen (Omicron)	Reaching Reluctant Readers Through the Use of E-Readers Provide funds to purchase e-readers and supporting materials to motivate and increase the reading fluency and comprehension of reluctant readers
	\$500	Inge Buchberger (Beta Theta)	Getting Ready for the Night Circus Provide copies of the book <i>Night Circus</i> for use by students at local high school prior to author's visit. The books will become part of the reading collection in the high school and middle school libraries and in the district reading programs following the author's visit
	\$765	Beta Beta (Elaine Darre Gillies)	Gifts from the Heart Partnering with a social service agency, provides materials for gift-making and opportunity for children of the "working poor" to make holiday gifts for others
	\$1200	Beta Beta (Patricia Rinkenberger & Lois Cipalo)	Family Reading Nights Events Provided reference books for families participating in Family Reading Nights at local elementary school
	\$600	Gamma Eta (Marcia Jean Cooper)	Operation Backpack Shop for and distribute backpacks and supplies to needy students to encourage a positive start of the school year
	\$1,194	Nu (Johanne Grewell)	American Cultural Tales: African American – Post Slavery Purchase and distribute books and present activities including music, dance, food, dress, crafts, language, customs and geography to K-4 students at a social/justice agency
	\$400	Beta Theta (Mary Hauge)	Parents in Prison: Reading to Their Children

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			Provides books to be used in the “Aunt Mary’s Storybook Project” which records imprisoned parents reading a book and then sends the CD and book to the parent’s child(ren) to listen to and follow along
	\$911	Omicron (Charlotte Farrell)	Martha’s Books Honoring past president Martha Slyter, this project purchased books for use in Grundy County Schools
	\$500	Delta (Jacqueline Bainter)	A Look into the Historical Past of Belleville, IL – Year 2 Chapter members are involved in sponsoring class field trips to the St. Clair County Historical Society
	\$600	Beta Phi (Kay Burton)	Book Angels Chapter members shop, wrap, and deliver books for distribution to students from literacy deprived or economically challenged homes
	\$500	Sigma (Roberta Young)	Reading for Success Provide age-appropriate books for students from low-income families in local school districts
2012 Nov	\$710	Debra Brady & Sue Spurgetis (Mu)	Rebecca Caudill Enrichment Book Club Provides funds to purchase multiple copies of books from the 2013 Rebecca Caudill list for use with 5 th and 6 th grade students in a monthly after-school book discussion club in Rock Island
	\$1,500	Linda Whitaker (Alpha Sigma)	Early Childhood Literacy Essentials Provides puppet theater, puppets and books for use by professors and students at Lewis University while working with children in field experiences
	\$380	Louann Harms (Alpha Beta)	Common Core Standards in the Deep Blue Sea: Informational Text and Reading Partners Provides for purchase of informational books for use in a reading project addressing the Common Core Reading Standards and covers transportation to a nursing home where students will read to residents in Fairbury
	\$1,000	Carolyn Thomas & Sara Nimrick (Alpha Rho)	Camp Rainbow for Newcomers Offered a one-day summer outdoor camp experience for two groups of adult special needs community members from Knox and McDonough counties
	\$1,000	Inge Buchberger (Beta Theta)	Additional 21st Century Information for the 21st Century Student Provide updated nonfiction library books for students at a high school in East Aurora
	\$1,000	Beta Kappa (Jean Rhoades)	Developing A Library for ESL Students for Their Independent Classroom Reading Provide books for ELL classroom libraries for 1 st and 2 nd grades in an elementary school in Wheaton
	\$500	Beta Phi (Linda Adcock)	Reading Olympics: Mind and Body Fuel the Future Provided educational games and hardcover books used during Family Reading Night at elementary school in Willowbrook
	\$1,900	Alpha Tau (Carolyn Furman)	Baby’s Board Books and Beyond Promotes literacy by providing board books for distribution to babies and toddlers served through the Macoupin County WIC office
	\$1,000	Alpha Nu (Jan Ellen Shawgo and Rosemary Troxel)	Back (Packs) to the Future, the Sequel Provides school supplies for backpacks and Kits for Kidz for at-risk students in Lake County who utilize an area food pantry.
2013 May	\$520	Beta Beta (Karen Birkeland)	Gifts from the Heart Funds to purchase supplies for a project, held in December, in cooperation with the “Together We Cope” social service agency. Elementary school age children are invited to create gifts that they can give to others.

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	\$1,200	Beta Beta (Patricia Rinkenberger)	Literacy Events Funds to present 4 literacy events for Garfield School. The funds will be used to purchase Spanish/English primary books, primary English books, Junior High books and Graphic novels.
	\$1,322	Nu (Johanne Grewell)	American Cultural Tales: Asian American Funds to purchase books, which will be given to children who participate in the program and to the libraries of the four tutoring groups receiving the presentations.
	\$980	Omicron (Debbie Paulsen & Pam Siedentop)	Martha's Books Funds to purchase books that will be given to mothers/infants residing at the Under His Wings Home. Books will, also, be given to needy families who rely on Under His Wings for supplies. (Martha Slyter Fund)
	\$500	Delta (Jacqueline Bainter)	A Look into the Historic Past of Belleville, IL – Year 3 Funds to pay for school buses to transport 4th grade classes to the two historic homes in Belleville. Members, friends and Historical Society members will serve as guides and explain the contents of the rooms.
	\$850	Gamma Eta (Jeannie Cooper)	Operation Backpack Funds to purchase backpacks and school supplies to give to needy students from Addison School District #4, prior to the start of the school year.
	\$700	Sigma (LoAnn Orr)	Reading for Success 2013 Funds to purchase appropriate books for children at-risk or in need, which live in Pike and Brown counties, and distribute them at Christmas time.
	\$800	Beta Phi Chapter (Kay Burton)	Book Angels Funds to purchase books which will be given to local underprivileged children in an effort to improve their chances of achieving success in school.
	\$600	Alpha Nu (Rosemary Troxel)	Power Readers Funds to purchase abridged Reading Recovery books and classroom library books for the Reading Power program.
	\$1,500	Inge Buchberger (Beta Theta)	Audio Books to Improve Reading Funds to purchase Playaways and their companion titles of high interest reading for English as second language students, special education students, and reading below grade level students. (Lottie Skidmore Fund)
	\$1,020	Diana Stephens (Alpha Upsilon)	Making Reading Real Funds to purchase 6 sets of Scholastic non-fiction and content area text sets to the Hutsonville CUSD#1 Elementary School Guided Reading Program.
2013 Nov	\$550	Beta Phi (Debbie LeBlanc & Linda Adcock)	A Little Math Makes a Big Difference Funds will support a program in which parents and children engage in hands-on math/literacy activities, and receive a set of manipulatives for home practice.
	\$2,000	Alpha Phi (Kathleen English)	Raise a Reader Project Funds to provide low-income families with books through the hospital, health departments, and community fair.
	\$1,020	Alpha Nu (Jan Ellen Shawgo & Rosemary Troxel)	Kits-for-Kids and Backpacks Funds will be used to provide backpacks and Kits-for-Kids to at-risk students who participate in the Lake County “Waukegan to College” program.

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	\$800	Louann Harms (Alpha Beta)	Developing Speech and Language Skills Through Literature Funds will be used to purchase books that will be used with children and families enrolled in an early intervention speech therapy program.
	\$600	Clare Beaven (Alpha Upsilon)	Read Me! Explore Me!! Keep Me!!! Support the purchase of 60 nonfiction texts for low-income students to be used as part of a program in which students read a book and then present book talks to community organizations.
2014 May	\$850	Beta Beta (Karen Birkeland)	Gifts from the Heart Funds to purchase materials that provide an opportunity for at risk students to make holiday gifts for others.
	\$2,160	Beta Beta (Patricia Rinkenberger)	Literacy Events Funds will be used to purchase materials for grade level students and their families to complete different activities to promote literacy development.
	\$1,205	Nu (Johanne Grewell)	American Cultural Tales-Native (First) Americans Funds are used to support this project and purchase books to be placed in at-risk children's home libraries and the libraries of 3 tutoring groups.
	\$1,150	Omicron (Debbie Paulsen & Pam Siedentop)	Martha's Books Will purchase books for use in a Grundy/LaSalle County elementary district or organization. (Martha Slyter Fund)
	\$1,000	Beta Phi (Kay Burton)	Book Angels 2014 Chapter members shop for, wrap, and deliver books for distribution to students from literacy-deprived homes in an effort to improve their chances for success in school.
	\$600	Carolyn Thomas & Sara Nimrick (Alpha Rho)	Therapeutic Program Funds used to purchase bending poles and sand to assist riders in a local horseback-riding program for children and adults with special needs.
	\$900	Louann Harms (Alpha Beta)	Celebrating Caldecott Award Books Past to Present Funds used for books and transportation for the program in which third grade students read and share books with preschool buddies and residents at a local nursing home.
2014 Nov	\$1,000	Beta Phi (Debbie LeBlanc & Linda Adcock)	Math + Family = Big Learning Funds used to purchase materials to be used by parents and children ages 3-8 at a Family Math Night.
	\$700	Delta (Jacqueline Bainter)	A Look into the Historical Past of Belleville, IL – Year 4 Funds used to involve chapter members in sponsoring and leading fourth grade field trips to two historical homes in Belleville.
	\$1,000	Delta (Deborah Bicknell)	Raise a Reader Project Funds used to purchase books for use with Hispanic and African families involved in the project in Scott, Morgan, and Cass Counties.
	\$1,247.40	Beta Phi (Kim Martini)	Career Research Project Funds to purchase a set of research books for use by students completing research projects related to career exploration. (Lottie Skidmore Fund)

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	\$540	Beta Epsilon (Debra Singley & Kym Vandygriff)	Cover to Cover – A Gift of a Book and Blanket and the Love of Reading Funds will be used for books to be disseminated to students in the public schools
	\$575	Alpha Nu (Rosemary Troxel & Jan Ellen Shawgo)	Backpacks for Beacon Place To provide backpacks and “Kits for Kids” for at-risk students in Lake County. The chapter works in conjunction with Beacon Place, a not-for-project organization.
	\$500	Sylvia Olson (Alpha Nu)	What’s Cooking in Early Childhood Funds allow for the purchase of necessary items for weekly cooking in special-needs, early-childhood class. The students create their own snacks coordinated with sensory, math, science, and language experiences.
	\$815	Anne Bourner (Beta Delta)	Chalk It Up New project in conjunction with the Sparta Library promotes the creation of original works of art, involves students in producing a time-elapse film, and promotes the local library as a source of materials, programs, and services. (Pat Ostewig Fund for Fine Arts)
	\$625	Teresa Cameron (Omicron)	Our Character Counts Funds used to provide materials to support the Character Counts program, which encourages positive alternatives to bullying, focusing on the strengths of students. (M. Slyter Fund)
2015 May	\$1,000	Beta Phi (Kay Burton)	Book Angels – 2015 Provide books for a Special Education classroom library and chapter members shop for, wrap, and deliver books for distribution to students from literacy deprived homes in an effort to improve their chances for success in school. (\$500 from Skidmore Library Fund for library and \$500 for “Book Angels” from regular fund).
	\$350	Alpha Beta (Kate Walter)	Racing to Read, Iditarod Style A family fun night is planned to show all that students have learned about Iditarod with the hope that a real Iditarod competitor can meet the children and answer their questions directly.
	\$500	Omicron (Teresa Cameron)	Our Character Counts This project will aid in our “Kindness Campaign” showing that positive alternatives to bullying focusing on the strengths of our students as they develop good character.
	\$1,160	Omicron (Pam Sidentop)	Martha’s Books 2015 Will purchase books for use in a Grundy/LaSalle County elementary district or organization. (Martha Slyter Fund)
	\$1,200	Nu (Johanne Grewell)	American Culture Tales – Hispanic American Funds are used to support this project and purchase books to be placed in at-risk children’s home libraries and the libraries of 3 tutoring groups.
	\$880	Beta Rho (Trudy Wille)	Bring an Author to School The author of <i>A Girl with a Cape: The True Story about the Super Hero in All of Us</i> will read her book and copies of the book will be in the library. (Funds from Lottie Skidmore Fund – library related)
	\$600	Beta Beta (Pat Rinkenberger & Arieta Bazile)	Squid Dissection Project 7 th grade students experience scientific investigation and method, collaboration and communication, teamwork, presentation, and inquiry by examining the morphology of a squid during a student-driven, hands-on dissection.

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	\$1,100	Beta Beta (Pat Rinkenberger & Literacy Committee)	Double Play (Reading and Math) Garfield School Projects to improve common core reading and math – Book of the Month and Math of the Month.
	\$700	Beta Beta (Carol Schaal)	Gifts from the Heart Funds to purchase materials that provide an opportunity for at risk students to make holiday gifts for others. (Pat Ostewig Fund for Fine Arts)
	\$1500	Gamma Upsilon (Cheryl Taylor)	Rx for Reading and Math Readiness Books are placed in the local medical offices for children to enjoy as they wait to see the doctor in this rural area of Southern Illinois.
2015 Nov	\$385	Chi (Pamela Painter)	Our Heritage: White Hall Pottery Offers an experience with clay as a medium used in art projects for grades K-3 as well as information about the heritage the students share with the pottery industry during the 1930's in White Hall, IL. (Funding from the Pat Ostewig account – fine arts project)
	\$300	Alpha Zeta (Cara Gatchel)	Investigating Truss Forces Students will build scale trusses and investigate forces acting on the trusses. They will test the strength of their hands-on designs and construct model bridges to compete in the Capital Chapter of Illinois Society of Professional Engineers Bridge Design Contest.
	\$550	Alpha Mu (Shirley Jordan)	Literacy with Puppetry This is a sub-project of establishing the Children's Hand-On-Museum of NW Illinois. Puppetry will be used in the schools to teach fluency, story structure and expression of ideas.
	\$600	Beta Phi (Jennifer Burisek)	Book Talk and Shop Sixth (6 th) Graders assigned to Reading Intervention classes, but with no access to public libraries, will participate in a field trip to a local bookstore, hear book talks and select a boo of their choosing to keep.
	\$475	Gamma (Alison Bowen)	Picture This! Digital Storytelling for All This project will allow students to showcase their understanding of content through personalized and alternative formats as well as collaborating and “telling their story” in a graphic format using digital technology.
	\$500	Omicron (Teresa Cameron)	Support Materials to Aid Diverse Teaching in Reading Provides an opportunity to purchase supportive text and literacy items that address point of view (CCSS RL.5.6/RL.4.6) prefixes and suffixes as well as novels aligning with the school curriculum. (Funding from the Martha Slyter Fund)
	\$500	Beta Phi (Debra LeBlanc and Linda Adcock)	Look, Mom and Dad, I'm a Mathematician! Children ages 3-8 will engage in hands-on math/math literacy activities lead by other students as well as teachers. Parents will learn easy ways to incorporate math readiness through everyday experiences and items found at home, as well as accessing math readiness through technology.
	\$250	Delta (Jackie Bainter)	A Look into the Historic Past of Belleville Students in fourth (4 th) grade will continue their exploration of the history of Belleville, IL, St. Clair County, through guided tours and photos.
	\$400	Mu (Val Maston)	Adopt a School: Partners in Education

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			The chapter is partnering with Francis Willard School in Rock Island, IL to provide tutoring, teacher mentoring and educational program support.
	\$500	Gamma Eta (Diane Ruiz and Linda Vlasak)	Birthday Books The project will be implemented in DuPage School District #45 Villa Park's evening Family Literacy Program at North and Stevenson Schools. The project is designed to celebrate reading and provide language and reading level appropriate books for students Preschool through Grade 5 on their birthday.
	\$1000	Alpha Phi (Deborah Bicknell)	Raise a Reader The project is designed to put appropriate multicultural books into the hands of infants, pre-K and early elementary children through four county health department locations, Passavant Hospital and a community Diaper-Bags-to-Backpacks Fair.
2016 May	\$1,000	Beta Phi (Kay Burton)	Book Angels <i>Book Angels</i> is a community service literacy project that gives books to underprivileged children in an effort to improve their chances of achieving success in school.
	\$700	Omicron (Pam Siedentop and Tracy Paulson)	Martha's Books <i>Martha's Books</i> honors the memory of their past president, Martha A Slyter. Books are given to newborns and hospitalized children. Funding from the Martha A Slyter Fund.
	\$1,364	Nu (Mary Sutton)	American Cultural Tales – European Americans Chapter members will share personal experiences and research materials to children depicting the traditions and mores of Europeans arriving at Ellis Island.
	\$1,000	Beta Beta (Mary Barnes and Sharon Rivers)	Inspiring Curiosity – STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) The project will allow the young scientists' curiosity to fuel their learning as they reach new levels of their problem-solving skills.
	\$445	Beta Beta (Camille Genewich)	Gifts from the Heart Working with <i>Together We Cope Social Service Agency</i> , Beta Bets sponsors an afternoon for children from families in need to create gifts for their families, thus experiencing the joy of giving and thinking of others. Funds from Pat Ostewig Fund.
	\$600	Beta Beta (Rosemary Sexton)	STEAMing After School The project will showcase the arts as aligned with STEM, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics curricula.
	\$1,750	Omicron (Teresa Cameron)	Our Character Counts <i>Our Character Counts</i> is celebrating right choices made by students utilizing their Character Counts Program. Partial funding came from the Martha A Slyter Fund.
	\$360	Beta Pi (Kay Mason)	Cross Grades STEM Projects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Second and fourth grade classes will design, build, test, revise and re-build seasonal themed STEM projects within the parameters given.
2016 Nov	\$570	Asima Rahman (Lambda Chapter)	Supplies for Success Homeless and/or in transitory shelters will receive support by providing them with book bags and school supplies.
	\$300	Delta Chapter (Jacqueline Bainter)	A Look into Historic Past of Bellville – Year 6' This is the sixth year the chapter has provided a history of Bellville project for students. Students will tour two historic homes in Bellville and compare the homes.

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	\$500	Teresa Cameron (Omicron Chapter)	Resource Area Materials Materials related to reading are kept in a Reading Resource area, where teachers can access materials and borrow them as needed. The grant will purchase books for the area.
	\$300	Sue Dion (Alpha Lambda)	Zentangle Lessons Five hundred students will benefit from the materials purchased to provide Zentangle lessons, teaching children a creative art form. Funding from the Pat Ostewig Fund.
	\$1,000	Phi Chapter (Ginnie Hostetler)	Math Literacy Kits First grade classes in the three-county area will receive Math Kits that include math manipulatives, file folder games and guidelines for teachers.
	\$754	Beta Beta Chapter (Patricia Rinkenberger)	Earthworm Project 4 th – 8 th Grade students in two schools will experience scientific investigation and method, collaboration and communication, teamwork, presentation, and inquiry by examining the morphology of earthworms during a student-driven, hands-on dissection.
	\$750	Alpha Phi (Deborah Bicknell)	Raise a Reader Develop a brochure that explains the importance of reading and singing to children, as well as, listening to music. Books for older children are being purchased for local obstetrician’s offices and for pre-natal clinics. This is an ongoing project.
	\$550	Beta Rho (Trudy Wille)	Sisters, Stories and Subs for American Education Week Chapter members and other teachers will read to students during American Education Week in program called Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) and teachers would request specific books for their classroom to be purchased by Beta Rho.
May 2017	\$1,000	Teresa Cameron (Omicron)	Our Character Counts This project will continue to aid in our “Kindness Campaign.” Our focus is choosing, celebrating, and encouraging right choices utilizing our Character Counts program currently in place. Instead of saying “No Bullying!” we would like to show the positive alternatives to bullying focusing on the strengths of our students as they develop good character.
	\$800	Teresa Cameron (Omicron)	iPads This project is to purchase iPads for students to use during Novel time. Students are more excited about learning when technology is used, but the funding simply isn’t there to purchase that technology.
	\$805	Pam Painter (Chi)	Graphic Novel – A Hook into Reading Graphic novels are the current hooks for students in middle school and junior high. Through the purchase of graphic novels the White Hall Township Library will entice reluctant readers to visit the library and begin to enjoy reading. (Funds from Lottie Skidmore Fund)
	\$775	Alpha Zeta (Mary Kay Gatchel)	3rd Grade Chromebooks Plans for the Chromebooks will set foundations for third grade students to be successful in middle school and high school, and would make classroom learning easier in all subjects to access, create, share, and evaluate information while encouraging students to collaborate, communicate, think critically and work creatively.
	\$400	Beta Beta (Camille Genewich)	Gifts From the Heart In partnership with the Together We Cope (TWC) Social Service Agency, Beta Beta Chapter sponsors an afternoon for children from families in need to craft gifts for others. There are 10-12 gift stations and the children are asked for whom (family member, teacher, friend) they would like to make that gift. Upon completion, the gifts are wrapped and each child leaves the event with a bag of wrapped and tagged gifts for others in their world, reinforcing the concept of GIVING at Christmas not just getting.

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	\$1,500	Nu (Mary Jane Sterling)	<p>Cultural Tales: Middle-Eastern People, Here and Abroad Four Cultural Tales programs will be presented focusing on <i>Middle-Eastern People, Here and Abroad</i> during the Common Place academic year with Middle-Eastern guests and chapter members sharing personal experiences from native cultures/countries. Presenters will utilize storybooks and research materials and incorporate music, dance, food, dress, crafts, language, customs games, and geography. Copies of books will be presented to these “at risk” children for their home libraries (expanding knowledge gained to their family members) and placed in Common Place K-4th Grade classroom libraries.</p>
	\$1,294	Suzanne Perkins (Beta)	<p>Books that Work for Struggling Readers High quality leveled books to be used with students with special needs in a kindergarten-2nd grade self-contained special education classroom. (Funds from Lottie Skidmore Fund)</p>
	\$700	Beta Phi (Kay Burton)	<p>Book Angels – 2017 “Book Angels-2017” is a Community Service Literacy Project that gives NEW BOOKS to children in the community and GENTLY USED BOOKS to area adults. The Children have all been classified as literacy and/or economically disadvantaged and usually live in homes where reading materials are scarce or non-existent. The adults served are commuters whose daily travel commences at the Westmont Train Station tat is located in one of the least affluent communities in our area.</p>
	\$1,241	Beta Beta (Pat Rinkenberger)	<p>Grasshopper Project This project will provide students in grades 4th – 8th a new opportunity to build upon their previous dissections, increase their scientific curiosity, and possibly ignite an interest in a career in medicine, science, animal care, or related fields while addressing the scheduling issues of the Earthworm Project of 2016-2017. The K and K-3 students, will begin to learn and experience scientific discovery methods with the use of the digital microscope as they seek to understand the difference between living and non-living things.</p>
	\$638	Beta Beta (Pat Rinkenberger)	<p>Child Assessment Tools Support South Suburban Family Shelter Provide the necessary assessment tools for the evaluation of child, parent, and family needs of new clients, victims of domestic violence in the south suburban region of Chicago, support the work of the South Suburban Family Shelter’s “Safe From the Start” staff, in whatever ways we can do so legally, as we develop a new relationship with this organization, and collect and provide items necessary for auxiliary SSFS programs, such as, Back to School, Adopt a Family for the holidays, and Kitchen in a Box</p>
Nov 2017	\$1,506	Teresa Cameron (Omicron)	<p>iPads for Education (Part II) Last May I requested, and received, a stipend from Lambda State to purchase iPads for Dummer School. We needed a way for our students to access multiple novels since many of our paperback texts were falling apart. We were able to purchase many iPads and now would like to request funding to purchase seven more iPads necessary to provide students with novels electronically.</p>
	\$400	Shirley McKinney (Gamma)	<p>I CAN READ Book Project The CCRTA has an ongoing Book Project where we give each first-grade student in Clark County a book of their very own.</p>
	\$440	Shirley Jordan (Alpha Mu)	<p>Excellerations Building Creative and Critical Thinking The Children’s Hands-On Museum of NW Illinois is planning to improve their offerings through using these magnetic, translucent, colored tiles. Children ages 3-12 will use them to classify and sort by attributes, explore magnetism and use them for hours of creative and critical thinking in making 3D creations.</p>
	\$1,800	Beta Eta (Diane Peach)	<p>Books for Babies Our chapter will collect and distribute books for newborn babies. We will coordinate with Gateway Regional Medical Center to give each baby and mother a new book and parent materials to encourage literacy at an early age.</p>

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	\$500	Delta (Jackie Bainter)	<p>A Look into the Historic Past of Belleville (Year 7) We offer 4th graders in St. Clair County schools a field trip to the two historic homes in Belleville. The chapter pays for the buses of all but one school and we have a guide in six rooms in each home. The teachers receive pre- and post-trip activities.</p>
	\$1,000	Alpha Phi (Deborah Bicknell)	<p>Raise a Reader Passavant Hospital Newborn Packets: first chunky book for every newborn along with other educational materials – public library info, calendar, inoculation schedule, etc. Distribution of books, reading/math activity rack cards, and developmental timelines through tri-county health departments, and the Diaper Bags to Backpacks community fair, all books and materials in English, Spanish and French. Information pertaining to the importance of reading and singing to a baby still in the womb, distributed through local pre-natal clinics and OB offices.</p>
May 2018	\$850	Teresa Cameron (Omicron)	<p>Our Character Counts This project will continue to aid in our “Kindness Campaign”. Our school is focused on helping students to make wise choices and encourages them to celebrate diversity. We strive to provide good examples and help students to take leadership in spreading good character through trustworthiness, respect, caring, responsibility, fairness and good citizenship.</p>
	\$750	Louann Harms (Alpha Beta)	<p>Lions, Tigers and Bears Second grade students learn about nonfiction and research by working in collaborative teams to research different ecosystems. As a culmination project of this research they design a zoo habitat based upon their research of plant and animal life in their chosen habitat. Maps and zoo designs show information such as where and what animals would be found in the habitat.</p>
	\$1,200	Jill Sanders-Colgan (Beta Epsilon)	<p>UT Cares UT Cares is a resource room for students that provides daily essentials such as food, toiletries and clothing. UT Cares also provides hands-on functional financial education opportunities.</p>
	\$1,500	Dr. Christina Edmonds-Behrend (Gamma)	<p>Increasing Knowledge of Diverse Individuals Through Literature and Related Materials With the recent focus on perceived lack of reading in youth (including pre-teachers) in the literature base, we seek to increase the amount and diversity of materials within our teacher resource center/children’s library (Ballenger Teacher Center, BTC). Children of diverse backgrounds and abilities need to see themselves in literature to be able to connect with text and for teachers to encourage reading. Pre-teachers need to have access to more diverse texts from which to build lessons and reading opportunities for their students.</p>
	\$1,000	Beta Phi (Kay Burton)	<p>Book Angels 2018 “Book Angels – 2018”, one of three community literacy projects of Beta Phi Chapter, seeks to encourage “reading for pleasure” to community children by giving them a new hard cover book during the Christmas holiday season. All of these children have been designated as economically/literacy deprived by their school or social service agency. “Reading for pleasure” has been cited by educators and reading specialists as a very important aspect developing good reading skills and positive performance in the classroom.</p>
	\$440	Beta Beta (Camille Genewich)	<p>Gifts from the Heart In partnership with the Together We Cope (TWC) Social Service Agency, Beta Beta Chapter sponsors an afternoon for children from families in need to craft gifts for others. There are 10-12 gift stations and the children are asked for whom (family member, teacher, friend) they would like to make that gift. Upon completion, the gifts are gift wrapped and each child leaves</p>

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			the event with a bag of wrapped and tagged gifts for others in their world, reinforcing the concept of GIVING at Christmas not just getting.
	\$1,077	Beta Beta (Patricia J. Rinkenberger with Arleta Bazile)	Future Scientists and Surgeons At Keller Middle School and Posen Intermediate School, all of the science students will experience scientific investigation and method, collaboration and communication, teamwork, presentation, and inquiry by examining the morphology of a starfish during a student-driven, hands-on dissection. These next generation science standards will be addressed MS-LS2-1, MS-LS2-2; Common core standards: RST.6-8.3, WHST.6-8.7, RST.6-8.9, SL.8.1; ELA.K.W.5.8 This project will provide students in grades 4 th – 8 th with an opportunity to experience concepts they have only read about before, possibly sparking an interest in a career in medicine, science, animal care, or related fields, while also encouraging hands-on investigations in early elementary students, boosting students' 21 st century skills.
	\$960	Lambda (Asima Rahman)	Supplies for Success II This project is designed to provide 60 book bags filled with school supplies for homeless/transient students at Ridgely Elementary School in Springfield, Illinois. Arriving to school with needed materials will assist students in growing academically.
Nov 2018	\$2,109	Teresa Cameron (Omicron)	iPads for Education III Twice before I have requested, and thankfully was granted, a stipend from Lambda State to purchase iPads for Dummer School students. The previously purchased iPads have been so well received by our students and by our educators that a call has gone out pleading me to request more. I am asking once again for seven iPads to provide even more students access to novels for Reading and support programs for Math.
	\$1,000	Erica Herkel-Ritsema (Upsilon)	2019 Poetry Slam – Speak Your Truth 1) Introduction of the poetry slam in the middle and high school English classes 2) Provide weekly writing workshops for 4 weeks during the school day by a member of a local fine arts organization 3) Hold the event on a week night in middle school gymnasium
	\$1,696	Pat Walsh (Beta Alpha)	Exploring Horses, Farms, and Rodeos through Literature and the Arts Cross curricular units exploring horses, farms and rodeos will be developed and implemented to address the strengths and needs of young children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Developmental Disabilities. Connections in the arts will capitalize on visual strengths of learners with sensory activities to motivate communication and social skills development.
	\$600	Karyn Baldwin and Sandra Cook (Gamma Gamma)	Creating a School Reading Garden To promote reading by creating an outdoor garden on school grounds where students and classes can go to read and appreciate nature. Huff Elementary serves a diverse population of students who come from 95% low income/high poverty homes. This project would not only promote literacy, but science skills as well.
	\$1,000	Kammie Richter (Xi)	Literacy through Graphic Novels for Agricultural Education Literacy through the purchase of two graphic novels delivered to 166 teachers when I visit classrooms as part of Ag in the Classroom: 1. <i>Levi Strauss and Blue Jeans</i> by Nathan Olson, 2. <i>George Washington Carver: Ingenious Inventor</i> by Nathan Olson, in addition to giving 5 books each to the Champaign, Urbana, and Danville libraries for a total of 347 books.
	\$1,800	Gamma Zeta (Judy Brooks)	Books and Bibs for Babies Our chapter will distribute books with hard covers and hard pages for newborns and their parents, plus a high quality bib professionally embroidered with “Read to Me” as a reminder to read to their newborn babies to encourage literacy at an early age. We will coordinate with the two new hospitals in our area, Memorial East and St. Elizabeth, plus continue to contribute to Memorial Hospital in Belleville, Illinois.

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	\$700	Delta (Jacqueline Bainter)	<p>A Look into the Historic Past of Belleville- Year 8</p> <p>We continue to offer tours of the two historic homes in Belleville, a German street house and a Victorian Mansion. We have guides in each room to point out artifacts in each house. Our chapter pays for the bus and schools come only two years so we can expand our tours into other schools and districts.</p>
	\$1,000	Alpha Phi (Deborah Bicknell)	<p>Raise a Reader</p> <p>Our four literacy projects focus on language and math proficiency throughout the early life of children in three counties. Suggestions on integrating various age levels of use in both areas are given to families in one of three languages to ease their entrance into midwestern American society. Health departments partner with us by giving this information along with a book to each child who is a client.</p>
	\$1,000	Beta (Suzy Perkins) and Alpha Beta (Louann Harms)	<p>Backpacks and Books for Mom and Me Camp</p> <p>We want to provide backpacks full of school supplies and books for 50 children who will be participants in the Mom and Me Camp (summer 2019). This camp is for children whose moms are in prison and it allows them time to visit their moms and also have a camp experience. We hope these backpacks will enhance and support these children and caregivers in having a positive start to their school year even though their moms are in prison.</p>
	\$505	Beta Beta (Arleta Bazile)	<p>A Gift from Me to You</p> <p>Posen-Robbins School District 143½ in partnership with Beta Beta Chapter sponsors an afternoon for children from families in need within the district to craft gifts for others. There are 12-14 gift stations and the children are asked for whom (family member, teacher, friend, etc.) they would like to make that gift. Upon completion, the gifts are wrapped, and each child leaves the event with a bag of wrapped and tagged gifts for others in their world, reinforcing the concept of GIVING at Christmas, not just receiving.</p>
May 2019	\$860	Teresa Cameron (Omicron)	<p>Our Character Counts</p> <p>Funding for this project will allow us to continue our “Kindness Campaign”. Our school is focused on helping all students to make wise choices and encourage the acceptance and value of diversity. We strive to provide positive examples and support of leadership, trustworthiness, respect, caring, responsibility, fairness and good citizenship.</p>
	\$583	Tammy Liefer (Beta Delta)	<p>Hands on Science</p> <p>To help implement the inquiry learning that the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) encourages, fifth grade students need scientific tools. Receiving this equipment will allow three classes of fifth grade students to experiment, observe, and ask questions that will enhance not only their scientific knowledge, but their critical thinking and problem-solving skills as well.</p>
	\$1,005	Alpha Theta (Kathleen Betke)	<p>Books for F.I.S.H.</p> <p>Working in conjunction with the McHenry Township F.I.S.H. (Friends In Service Here) Food Pantry, Alpha Theta will purchase, install, and maintain a Little Free Library book exchange near the entrance to the food pantry.</p>
	\$1,000	Beta Phi (Kay Burton)	<p>Book Angels 2019</p> <p>In an effort to encourage “<i>Reading for Pleasure</i>,” a habit that has been named a major influence upon success in school, among children who live in homes where books are rare or non-existent, the project buys area children a new hard cover book at Christmas Time. These children have all been classified as culturally/literacy deprived by their school or social agency. Many of them do not have access to a public library.</p>
	\$500	Beta Beta (Mary Usher)	<p>Gifts From the Heart</p> <p>In partnership with the Social Services Agency Together We Cope (TWC,) Beta Beta Chapter sponsors an afternoon for children from families served by TWC. The children spend the afternoon crafting 10-12 gifts for people in their lives (parents,</p>

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			siblings, grandparent, teachers, etc.) Upon completion the gifts are wrapped and tagged and the child leaves with a bag of gifts for important people in their lives reinforcing the concept of GIVING at Christmas and not just receiving.
	\$900	Pi (Mary Stayner)	It's All About Books Each year we provide books for the classrooms in our 2 county jurisdictions – JoDaviess and Carroll, switching grade levels each year. We firmly believe that putting books in the hands of children is one of the most valuable projects that we can pursue.
	\$1,071	Beta Beta (Arleta Bazile)	Future Scientists and Doctors Students in grades 4 th -8 th will be given the opportunity to perform dissection in their science classrooms. This dissection activity will emphasize the importance of respecting the value of dissection and utilize animals that are not endangered. This dissection activity is designed to develop an interest in a career in the sciences with an emphasis on girls in STEM.
	\$730	Beta Rho (Trudy Wille)	Diversification in Reading, Math, and Science This project will provide age-appropriate reading, math, and science materials in K-2 classrooms. Teachers will use books as a supplemental resource to the current curriculum. The books will provide additional social and emotional support for a diversified community of students.
Nov 2019	\$1200	Denese Anderson (Alpha Theta)	Storybook Coding This innovative project will reinforce reading comprehension skills while teaching future-ready skills such as coding, critical thinking, and collaboration. After listening to books read aloud, students will work in groups to draw out the story arc (main events) or the actions of the main character on paper. They will then code mini robots to travel the paths that they drew.
	\$500	Delta (Jackie Bainter)	A Look into the Historic Past of Belleville The chapter has provided guided tours of two historic Belleville homes, a German street house and a Victorian Mansion, for students for many years. The money will be used to help pay for buses so that students can participate.
	\$2000	Teresa Cameron (Omicron)	Chrome Books for Students She plans to purchase 8 Chromebooks with management licenses. There is not enough technology to support their student population since her school has added an additional classroom.
	\$1000	Alpha Phi (Deborah Bicknell)	Raise a Reader The chapter works with three county health departments to provide a book for each child who is a client. Parents are also given suggestions on integrating various language and math concepts into daily life. Both the books and the literacy suggestions are available in English, Spanish, or French.
	\$900	Dr. Felisha Parsons (Eta)	Building Confidence Through Literacy. This project will use literacy to help young girls increase their confidence and self-awareness and become better self-advocates. Girls in 3rd through 8th grade will meet weekly for three months with volunteers to read and discuss books which explore themes related to building confidence. Afterwards participants will receive a gift of four books featuring African American characters.
	\$1450	Judy Hahn (Gamma Eta)	Spectacular Science Family Night This evening program will offer a chance for First Step Pre - schoolers who have been identified as at risk academically and their families to learn about the importance of academics. She plans to purchase science center materials, take-home kits for the families, a science book for each child, and science books for teachers.
	\$510	Beta Beta (Arleta Bazille)	A Gift from Me to You

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	\$392	Kathleen Meyer (Gamma Eta)	Dare to Dream Trip to Fermi Lab Through the Dare to Dream program, a STEAM day is offered in conjunction with FermiLab National Accelerator. At-risk Latina students and their parents/mentors will learn about opportunities in the STEAM field and improve their self-esteem.
	\$400	Kathleen Meyer (Gamma Eta)	Gotcha Pull Prizes for Students As part of their Universal PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) program, students receive Gotchas for behaviors that are safe, respectful, and responsible. Every Friday, nearly 90 homerooms have a Gotcha pull. This grant will help provide monthly material prizes. On the other weeks, students receive coupons for items such as listening to music or being first in the lunch line.
	\$1575	Gamma Epsilon (Christine Scheffel)	CPI for non coaching teachers The chapter will provide CPR training to non-coaching teachers. After participating in this 3-hour workshop, participants will be certified in CPR and other emergency medical procedures and receive Continuing Education Units.
	\$860	Julie Bauer (Beta Pi)	Elementary Science in the 21st Century 3 rd and 4 th grade students will utilize science materials to engage in hands on STEM activities and explorations. These tools will allow students to not just read new vocabulary, but see, feel, and experience science.
May 2020			
	\$1340	Beta Beta (Arleta Bazile)	Future Scientists and Doctors Students in grades 4 th -8 th will be given the opportunity to perform dissection in their science classrooms. This dissection activity will emphasize the importance of respecting the value of dissection and utilize animals that are not endangered. This dissection activity is designed to develop an interest in a career in the sciences with an emphasis on girls in STEM.
	\$3350 includes partial funding from Pat Ostewig Fund	Alpha Lambda (Sue Dion & Marj Oesch)	# Starke Smart Art Research reveals many significant benefits of visual arts education for the learner, from growth in creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking skills to developing confidence, cultural awareness, and positive emotional expression. We believe our students, and through them our community, will benefit from access to visual arts education that is not a part of the current school curriculum. The grant would provide art themed books and media for the learning center to be used in conjunction with art projects, as well as cover costs for a celebration of the project with a “Starke Art Gallery Walk” in April/May 2021.
	\$1050	Teresa Cameron (Omicron)	Our Character Counts! Funding for this project will allow us to continue our “Kindness Campaign”. Our school is devoting great focus toward helping all students to make wise choices and encourage the acceptance and value of diversity. We strive to provide positive examples and support of leadership, trustworthiness, respect, caring, responsibility, fairness and good citizenship
	\$900	Pi (Mary Stayner)	It’s All About Books

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	\$600	Beta Beta (Mary Usher)	Gifts From The Heart In partnership with Together We Cope (TWC) a social service agency that works with families across the southwest suburbs. Beta Beta chapter sponsors an afternoon of gift making for the children served by TWC. The attending children spend time crafting 10-12 gifts for people in their lives (parents, grandparents, siblings, teachers.) Upon completion of each gift the child wraps and tags the gift and places it in a bag. At the culmination of the event every child gets to select a book for themselves. They leave with a bag of gifts for the important people in their lives. We are hoping that we are teaching that it is better to give than receive during the holiday season.
	\$1000	Beta Phi (Kay Burton)	Book Angels “Book Angels” gifts area children who live in homes where reading materials are scarce or non existent. A new hard cover book at Christmas! It is hoped that this gift will help to encourage “reading for pleasure” and foster improved performance in school. Due to restrictive districting and/or parent ineligibility, many of these youngsters do not have access to a public library!
Nov 2020			
	\$1000	Dr. Felisha Parsons (Eta)	“Building Confidence Through Literacy.” This project aims to build confidence and self-esteem in girls from ages 8 to 13 who meet monthly via Zoom to read and discuss books and articles, watch short videos, and have guest speakers. The planned themes include self-love; empathy and gratitude; assertiveness; empowerment; healthy habits; leadership, pride, and goal-setting.
	\$2000	Gamma Zeta (Carol Lunan)	“Books and Bibs for Babies.” They plan to distribute children’s books with hard covers and hard pages to parents of newborn babies along with bibs embroidered with “Read to Me.” Hopefully, the bib will be a continued reminder of the importance of reading to their babies. The chapter coordinates the distribution with Memorial Hospital Belleville, Memorial Hospital East, and HSHS St. Elizabeth’s Hospital.
	\$1000	Alpha Phi (Debbie Bicknell)	“Raise a Reader” project. The chapter puts together a packet of information which includes a calendar for the parents of each baby born at Passavant Hospital. Books and other literacy materials in English, Spanish and French are given to four county health departments. They also provide literacy information appropriate for families with infants through 6 th grade to pre-natal clinics and OB offices.
	\$430	Teresa Cameron (Omicron)	“Books to Support Emotional Development of Students.” The books will be used by social worker/teachers to promote self-acceptance, as well as acceptance of others. The text allows students to make right or wrong choices, then see the consequences of each choice. During this time of social distancing all texts would also be available to students during remote learning by way of Google Classroom.
	\$2500	Teresa Cameron (Omicron)	“One School One Book” An event featuring <u>Dragons in a Bag</u> by Zetta Elliott. Reading the book together will provide a way for 880 students (K-5) and their families to unite in the love of reading. District staff will provide multiple means of encouraging the students/families to

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			participate in the enjoyment of literature. This is also a valuable way of incorporating community, family and educators under one goal...value the gift of reading.
	\$1200	Kathryn Dombek (Alpha)	“I Want to be a Teacher Camp.” The camp is designed to foster a positive link between high school students and future career choices in the field of education. It includes on-campus experiences as well as involvement in local community classroom settings. Participants will have an opportunity to work with peers, college mentors, current educators, and university faculty members.
	\$475	Kathleen Meyer and Susan Zahrobsky (Gamma Eta)	“Using Art to Cope with COVID.” COVID has negatively impacted the families and community of many of our students. Students with special needs are particularly impacted due to communication and social emotional challenges that they face on a daily basis. By using art to cope with COVID, our students will be participating in a variety of fine motor skills, social skills, speech and language skills, and finding ways in which to cope with COVID in a positive manner.
	\$1230	Lambda (Asima Rahman)	“Supplies for Success.” The chapter will provide 60 book bags filled with school supplies for homeless/transient students at Ridgely Elementary School in Springfield, Illinois. Arriving to school with needed materials will assist students in growing academically. Nonperishable food items will also be sent home with the students.
May 2021			
	\$1340	Beta Beta (Arleta Bazile)	“Future Scientists and Doctors.” Students in grades 4 th -8 th will be given the opportunity to perform dissection in their science classes. This dissection activity will emphasize the importance of respecting the value of dissection and utilize animals that are not endangered. It is designed to develop an interest in a career in the sciences with an emphasis on girls in STEM.
	\$585	Beta Beta (Mary Usher)	“A Gift from the Heart.” Beta Beta members provide materials and help children from families in need to make Christmas gifts for others. Upon completion, the gifts are wrapped, and each child leaves the event with a bag of wrapped and tagged gifts for others in their world. This reinforces the concept of GIVING, not just receiving.
	\$1860	Pi (Mary Stayner)	“It’s All about Books, 2021.” They annually provide books for the classrooms in Jo Daviess and Carroll counties, progressively exchanging grade levels. These books are a valuable and welcome addition to grade level curriculums. They plan to contact each teacher personally to accommodate their individual needs/requests. (from the <i>Skidmore Fund</i>)
	\$1400	Teresa Cameron (Omicron)	“Our Character Counts” This is to continue their “Kindness Campaign”. The school is focusing on helping all students to make wise choices and encourage the acceptance and value of diversity. This project strives to provide positive examples of and support of leadership, trustworthiness, respect, caring, responsibility, fairness, and good citizenship.
	\$1000	Beta Phi (Kay Burton)	“Book Angels 2021.” For many years Beta Phi has been purchasing hard cover books to give to children at Christmas time. Each gift book is beautifully wrapped. They hope that this gift encourages children who live in homes where they have little access to books to enjoy reading for pleasure.
	\$995	Ayana Hartzol	“Level 1- Certified Life Coach.”

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		(Beta Beta)	She plans to use these life coaching skills in professional staff development to strengthen her staff both personally and professionally. The knowledge that she gains will be shared with other educators and DKG members to support their efforts and challenges during the pandemic and the future.
	\$980	Tammy Liefer (Beta Delta)	“Hands on Science 2.0” to purchase goggles and laptops for fifth grade classrooms at Chester Grade School. These items will be used in conjunction with the science tools provided by a previous stipend. In addition, the purchase of a variety of science-themed novels for their classroom libraries will allow students to learn about science while practicing their reading skills.
	\$3500	Beta Eta (Diane Peach)	“Building Home Libraries” Classroom students in 3 rd and 4 th grades will receive one book per month, an additional birthday book, and special occasion books. Approximately 400 students will be able to add books to their home libraries which should help students reach their goal of reading 100 books each year. (from the <i>Rosebud account</i> which has been funded by an anonymous donor).
	\$200	Gamma Eta (Lois Mueller)	“Sunshine Outreach.” The funds will be used to make cheery fall decorations for the residents at the Oak Brook Care Center. The chapter plans to invite a group of special needs junior high students to help them assemble the ornament kits.
November 2021	\$2000	Dr. Felisha Parsons (Eta)	“Armor Down Girls” This project aims to build and “armor” young girls ages 8-14 with confidence and self-esteem through literacy. The young ladies meet monthly via Zoom to read and discuss books, short stories, and articles, learn and watch short documentaries about women in history and have women guest speakers. This project is funded through the Rosebud account.
	\$1000	Alpha Phi (Debbie Bicknell)	“Raise a Reader” This chapter project provides books in English, Spanish, and French as well as math and reading materials to families of newborns through 6 th grade children to foster a love of reading and math from birth onwards. The materials are distributed through the local hospital, four county health departments, and OB offices/pre-natal clinics. This project is funded through the Rosebud account.
	\$2100	Nu (Roberta Koscielski)	“Make Art Your Superpower” This project enhances students’ positive creative skills through an artist-in-residence program at the McClure Branch of Peoria Public Library. This project is funded through the Rosebud account.
	\$1820	Julie Bauer (Beta Pi)	“Bringing Art to the Classrooms and the Classrooms to Art” This project was fully funded by generous donations honoring Ursula Sihocky (Beta Kappa) on her 80 th birthday. The students at Sangamon Valley Intermediate School will experience an art class focusing on a famous artist once a month in their school, and twice during the school year at the Decatur Area Arts Council classroom with certified Art teachers. Classroom teachers will incorporate the art lessons into their Reading and Social Studies curriculum, based on Illinois State Learning Standards for each grade level.
	\$2185	Rakhi Mistry (Gamma Eta)	“Yoga for Change Workshop: Let Yoga Take the Worry Away” Families will have the opportunity to meet the author, Deepali Punwani, of <i>Modaff and Miff</i> , a book specifically designed for children dealing with anxiety. The event will cover the five social emotional learning components through reading, yoga, and art to address the rising mental health concerns among children. This project is funded through the Rosebud account.
	\$3045	Alpha Lambda	“Art for Starke”

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		(Sue Dion and Marj Oesch)	Through this project students will create, present, respond, and connect artwork as aligned to the Illinois State Visual Art Standards, fostering student creativity through a variety of art experiences. This project is funded through the Rosebud account.
	\$900	Mu (Julie Bustard)	“That Looks Like Me” This is a book drive to collect culturally sensitive books. This project was funded through the Lottie Skidmore Fund, which is reserved for library-related requests. The books will be distributed to after-school tutoring programs for young readers in the primary grades. These books will come in an attractive, sturdy canvas bag and will belong to the children. They will also have the support of tutors available to help them read the books, if needed.
May, 2022	\$1,400	Teresa Cameron (Omicron)	“Our Character Counts” This is to continue their “Kindness Campaign.” The school is focusing on helping all students to make wise choices and encourage the acceptance and value of diversity. This project strives to provide positive examples of and support of leadership, trustworthiness, respect, caring, responsibility, fairness, and good citizenship. This project is funded through the Rosebud Account.
	\$1,000	Diane Ruiz (Gamma Eta)	“Happy Day Birthday Books” First Step is an early childhood program serving children ages 3 - 5 years, offered by the Villa Park School District, DuPage County, Illinois. First Step serves a total of 250 children with academic disabilities and/or at-risk factors. This project will allow the recipients to give the children a book to honor their special day and start building a family library, encouraging families to read to their children and begin a family library which will hopefully have a positive impact on their journey towards reading! This project is funded by Ursula Sihocky’s birthday donation.
	\$1,000	Beta Phi (Kay Burton)	“Book Angels 2022” For many years Beta Phi has been purchasing hard cover books to give to children at Christmas time. Each gift book is beautifully wrapped. They hope that this gift encourages children who live in homes where they have little access to books to enjoy reading for pleasure. This project is funded by the Skidmore Fund because it is library related and one school involved does not have a library and will be unable to institute one.
	\$1,260	Beta Beta (Arleta Bazile)	“Future Scientists and Doctors” Students in grades 4 th -8 th will be given the opportunity to perform dissection in their science classes. This dissection activity will emphasize the importance of respecting the value of dissection and utilize animals that are not endangered. It is designed to develop an interest in a career in the sciences with an emphasis on girls in STEM. Previously over 700 students have been involved. This is being funded by the Rosebud Account.
	\$640	Beta Beta (Barb Hayes)	“Gifts from the Heart” In partnership with the Social Services Agency Together We Cope (TWC,) Beta Beta Chapter sponsors an afternoon for children from families served by TWC. The children spend the afternoon crafting 10-12 gifts for people in their lives (parents, siblings, grandparent, teachers, etc.) Upon completion the gifts are wrapped and tagged and the child leaves with a bag of gifts for important people in their lives reinforcing the concept of GIVING at Christmas This is being funded by the Rosebud Account.
	\$2,320	Donna Wood	“One School One Book One Community”

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		(Gamma Zeta)	<p>A whole school (prek-5) event will take place as we read <u>The World According to Humphrey</u> by Betty G. Briney. Reading this book together will provide a way for our students, families and staff to connect during our year-long 150th celebration. Staff members will read chapters using Flipgrid where families can respond and develop other engaging activities to create a culture of literacy in every home and bridge the gap by offering tools, resources, guidance and support. 450 participants are involved. This is being funded by the Rosebud Account.</p>
	\$200	Gwendolyn Maxie Brown (Beta Beta)	<p>“World HIV/AIDS and Social Health Awareness and Prevention Seminar”</p> <p>This is a Youth Health Seminar that addresses public health issues found to be in crisis among young adults and adolescents 14 years to 24 years old in our community.</p> <p>The National Council of African Women II. Branch in partnership with Prairie State College Dist. 515, IDPH, Sertoma Center Inc., UICC will host this event for several High School Districts including Bremen, Bloom, Thornton, and Rich High School. The topics and activities presented are interactive discussions about the crisis in communicable diseases, COVID and adolescent health practices & safety, suicide prevention and mental health, and Smart decision making - healthy lifestyle choices. This project is funded through the General Fund.</p>
	\$4,000	Julie Bauer (Beta Pi)	<p>“Multi-Cultural Arts Experience”</p> <p>Each month the students will study one country through fiction and nonfiction books, art projects, and music. There will be one field trip to the Decatur Area Arts Council for an art class, and two visiting artists—one teaching dance and one teaching yoga. A large world map will be displayed in the school library throughout the year with pictures from the featured country. The library aide will include folktales and information books in her lessons and the Music teacher will use instruments purchased with these funds.</p> <p>The cross-curricular approach will allow teachers and students to explore the countries in new ways. Students will view each country as more than a place on a map, and will compare and contrast cultures, as well as gain an appreciation for places they may never see. Reading folktales from each country will enhance the state ELA standards for Literature. Students will write about each month’s art project following a provided template.</p> <p>This project is funded partly through the Rosebud Account and \$1,000 is funded through the Pat Ostewig Fund.</p>

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