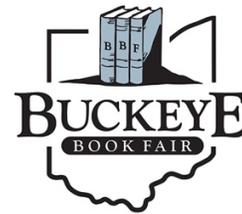


FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 25, 2019

Contact: Julia Wiesenberg

Email: buckeyebookfair@gmail.com



Buckeye Book Fair

527 N Market St, Ste 2

Wooster, OH 44691

(330)249-1455

fax (330)264-9753

buckeyebookfair@gmail.com

www.BuckeyeBookFair.org

BUCKEYE BOOK FAIR ANNOUNCES 2019 LITERACY GRANT WINNERS

Wooster, Ohio—A grand total of \$3,250 in grants have been awarded to ten Ohio schools, libraries, and literacy programs. Each literacy grant winner has a special project using books by and about Ohioans.

Apple Creek Volunteer Library

Apple Creek (population 1,187), Wayne County

100+ books donated

Donation of over 100 books for all ages to supply the new Apple Creek Volunteer Library.

Before and After School Program

Smithville (population 1,263), Wayne County

\$350

For books to encourage recreational reading for a new Before and After School Program being developed by the Smithville YMCA and Green Elementary. Population served: 350 kids ages 5-10. *This award is presented in partnership with College Hills Honda.*

Graham Elementary School

St. Paris (population 2,010), Champaign County

\$350

For the school library to purchase books to use in connection with their STEM lessons, problem-solving, and leadership exercises. Population served: 839 students. *This award is presented in partnership with D+S Distribution.*

Herrick Memorial Library

Wellington (population 4,895), Lorain County

\$350

For giveaways for an Ohio-author-focused Winter Family Read Aloud program. Population served: 2,355 registered children's cards. *This award is presented in partnership with Consumers National Bank.*

Newcomerstown West Elementary School
Newcomerstown (population 3,764), Tuscarawas County
\$550

For a full-day visit with illustrator Christopher Canyon. Christopher will give two assembly presentations for students in K-2 and then 3-5 during the school day. In the evening, the school will host another illustrator program for students and their parents. Population served: 725 students and family members. *This award is presented in partnership with The J.M. Smucker Company.*

Northwestern High School
West Salem (population 1,475), Wayne County
\$600

For a full-day author visit with Mindy McGinnis and for 15 copies of *Not a Drop to Drink*. The school has not had an author visit in over 20 years and the sophomore English students will read *Not a Drop to Drink* prior to the program as a class and the librarian will use Mindy's books in her book clubs. Population served: 200-300 students grades 9-12. *This award is presented in partnership with The Wooster Glass Company.*

Plant the Seed to Read Book Festival
Youngstown (population 64,604), Mahoning County
20 books donated

The "Plant the Seed to Read" book festival will award a free book to children participating in the 2020 event. Population served: 1,000 family members.

Tri-County Educational Service Center
Wayne, Holmes, & Ashland Counties
\$400

Andrew Johnson

Donation of 30+ books to Wooster area schools participating in Young Authors Day. Population served: 25 teachers.

Wooster Main Library
Wooster (population 26,618), Wayne County
\$300

For author visits with Thomas Crowl (*Opdycke's Tigers in the Civil War*) and James Van Keuren (*World War II POW Camps in Ohio*). Population served: 80 audience members total.

Worch Memorial Library
Versailles (population 2,679), Darke County
\$350

To add a collection of books by Ohio authors so the library can create Ohio-theme displays and create programs around local author visits. Population served: 3,429 registered children's cards. *This award is presented in partnership with The J.M. Smucker Company.*

Buckeye Book Fair's Literacy Award grants are funded from the proceeds of the organization's annual book fair and from sponsorship partners who make significant contributions to assist with the grants. With this year's awards, more than \$220,468 will have been distributed in proceeds from 33 annual Buckeye Book Fairs, all held in Wooster.

The organization's annual Buckeye Book Fair featuring over 100 Ohio writers, photographers, and illustrators autographing their new books, will be held this year on Saturday, November 5, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Fisher Auditorium on the campus of the OARDC in Wooster. This event is sponsored by the Ohio Arts Council.

The 10 winners were chosen from 13 applicants representing libraries and literacy programs throughout Ohio. Grant applications are evaluated upon the following considerations: the impact of the project, the financial need of the applicant, and evidence of careful planning in preparing the grant project.

Further information about the Buckeye Book Fair is available by calling Executive Director Julia Wiesenber at (330) 249-1455, or online at www.BuckeyeBookFair.org.

#