

## Original Proposal



ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF MID-MISSOURI



2018-2019 LINKS TO LEARNING PROGRAM

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**Proposal Title: Project LIT-Schoolwide Community Book Clubs**

Reminders

- **No identifying information** such as school, mascot, principal and/or teacher's names should appear in the original proposal or itemized budget.
- Provide complete, clear and concise responses to each section listed below.
- Include the proposal title at the top of page 2 of the original proposal if using two pages.
- Original proposals must not exceed two pages and should be submitted as one-sided document.

**1. Your proposal summary from the Cover Page. This summary is used by ALMM in Links to Learning publications.**

This proposal provides sets of books for a student, parent, and teacher book club to encourage literacy based on the nationwide model of the Project Lit community in order to help eliminate "book deserts" in home and foster a shared love of reading within our community. students to engage in independent reading to improve their comprehension and enhance their vocabulary.

**2. Explain the proposal for which funds are requested.**

Our middle school will be hosting six community reading events throughout the school year. We will host four book club family events where readers can come together to discuss the books read. We will also read two books being turned into movies that we read and then attend the movie as a community.

**3. Describe the ways in which the purchased item(s) enhance student learning.**

Literacy is best achieved in community. Students who are read to at home tend to make the best readers. When students see peers reading the same book as them, they are motivated to engage. Furthermore, when students and families have access to books, they are more likely to read. Our building as a large number of low-income families. We also have a high percentage of below level readers. At the same time, we have a set of students who read at very high levels. We believe all students can succeed. We hope this is one part of a very large plan to improve literacy in our building.

**4. List the methods for achieving the proposal's objective(s).**

For each meeting, we will offer two book options that address a related theme. This will allow students with a variety of reading abilities to participate. Books will be made available to families two months prior to each event. We are hopeful that some families will read and return the books in enough time that more families can participate. We will have 60 copies available per event. We already own some of the titles and need this grant to supplement our list. We also imagine that those who attend the discussions will be motivated to read the other book discussed that night. For the children's movie, we will ask that our middle school students read the books to a younger sibling at home before attending our family movie event to further establish the family literacy component.

**5. Explain specifically how the proposal is measured and evaluated. Objectives must be measurable.**



Our building goal is to improve the reading of each student by one grade level while maintaining above grade level status for those who have already achieved it. We use the STAR reading test to measure growth across the school year. We will look at STAR reading scores for students who participate in at least one of these book clubs to see their growth. If students achieve our building goal we will consider this another successful component of our action plan for achieving our goal.

**6. Attach the Itemized Budget Form.**

- STA of Missouri Charter Request Form and Price List can be found at [www.cpsk12.org](http://www.cpsk12.org) | Business Services | Grants | Links to Learning Program.
- Technology requests must be compatible with CPS technology; guidelines can be found at [www.cpsk12.org](http://www.cpsk12.org) | Business Services | Grants | Links to Learning Program.

**7. Make sure all applicants and the principal signed the application.**



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Materials	Cost Per Unit	Number of Units	Total Cost
<i>Books</i>			
Refugee	11.89	30	\$356.70
A Long Walk to V	5.49	30	\$164.70
Long Way Down	12.59	10	\$125.90
Stars Beneath O	11.24	30	\$337.20
The Grinch Who	9.97	30	\$299.10
Little Women	9.99	30	\$299.70
Rebound	11.89	30	\$356.70
<i>Other</i>			
Theater Rental	25	2	\$50.00
			\$1,990.00