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Fischbach Reading and Writing Grants Award \$4,700

Benton Community Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2020 Marilyn Fischbach Reading and Writing Grants. All Benton County elementary teachers were invited to submit competitive applications for funding of projects or materials that will enhance the curriculum offerings in their classrooms. *2020 awards are a tribute to the late Joan Shidler.*

Through the generosity of local donors, proceeds from The Princess Ball. Friends of the Foundation recently visited each of the teachers to share the good news.

- **Julia Glover** (Boswell) will purchase picture books for grades PreK-6 with their grant funds.
- **Michelle Asher** (Otterbein) has received funding to purchase kits for hands on experience learning for 6th grade students.
- **Kristie Bernier and Laura Muthing** (Otterbein) will use their grant to enhance science learning for 2nd graders.
- **Cathy Jenkins and Sarah Bostian** (Otterbein) received funding to purchase books for their Accelerated Reading library for 2nd grade students.
- **Kristie Barr and Becky Brightwell** (Prairie Crossing) funding will be for classroom novel sets for their 3rd graders.
- **Amy Mermoud** (Prairie Crossing) will be using grant funds to purchase Secret Stories Phonics Classroom Kit.
- **Tracy Best, Jill Sisson, Amy Mermoud** (Prairie Crossing) will utilize this award to purchase Scholastic News Magazines for their kindergarten students.
- **Jill Sisson** (Prairie Crossing) will utilize the funds to help her purchase an Interactive SMART board.
- **Cris Burgett, Barb Holmes, and Abbie Spitznagle** (Prairie Crossing) will purchase Scholastic News Magazines for their 2nd grade students.
- **Laura Sexton** (Sacred Heart) received funding to purchase Happily Ever After, Reading Readiness for her classroom.
- **Tammy Pritchett** (Sacred Heart) will be using grant money for purchasing Art Supplies and Storage Containers (COVID-19).

Benton Community Foundation is pleased to partner with our school systems in this effort. For more information about these awards or how you can donate to the Marilyn Fischbach Reading and Writing Fund contact andrea@bentoncf.org.