



Grant Ensures 5,600 Books for local children at two schools

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Books for Collier Kids (BCK), a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing a steady stream of new books to children in low-income families throughout Collier County, is pleased to announce that the charity received a \$13,950 grant from The League Club, Inc.

“As a result of The League Club’s generous support, Books for Collier Kids will provide approximately 5,600 books to 560 children in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, first – and second-grades at two elementary schools during the 2018-2019 academic year,” explains Board Chair Sallie Williams. “But, what’s most important about this funding is that the 10 books each child receives helps to improve their academic experience, and success in school and life, opens new worlds to them, establishes their personal libraries and a life-long love of reading.”

The nonprofit, volunteer-run organization already provides books to disadvantaged children (pre-k through second grade) in another sixteen School District of Collier County Title I elementary schools, donating more than 75,000 new, high-quality books to at-risk students annually.

The funds, part of \$327,920 awarded from its Community Trust Fund during an April 5, 2018, breakfast, allow BCK to provide new, high-quality, age- and curriculum appropriate books to students in two new Title I schools in Collier County.

The League Club is a 501(c)(3) organization of Southwest Florida strengthening communities through fellowship, education, volunteerism, and philanthropy. The League Club women have also contributed thousands of volunteer hours in various areas. Members have served on numerous agency boards, worked in childcare and adult centers, with the illiterate and homeless, in conservation and arts groups and in churches. For more information, visit www.leagueclub.org.