

District 6290 Grants Committee
District and Global Grants
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Sault Ste Marie, MI

District Local Grant

Grant Title: Lending Libraries/Mobile Libraries

Amount Awarded: \$2,500

Project Name: Lending Libraries /Mobile Libraries: Local data indicates that 54% of children are not meeting literacy benchmarks. In response to this need, we are working with the EUP Great Start Collaborative and the Raising Funds for Tomorrow's Future, to build Mobile and fixed Lending Libraries for children and families to enjoy during day-to-day activities, such as waiting for siblings at afterschool activities, visiting the laundromat, banking camping, etc. With the construction of these libraries, we will also need books to fill them!

The plan is to build 12 lending libraries and 12 mobile libraries. We have enlisted the help of the building trade's classes at Sault High School to create designs that will match the location the lending libraries are placed and build the libraries. The High School students will benefit as well as the children in the community.

Our club partnered with the EUP Great Start Collaborative in a fund raising 5k Fun Run to raise the matching funds for this grant and a book drive to provide some gently used books for the libraries. We will need to purchase books to finish stocking them. We have arranged for the high school students to design the outdoor libraries and Rotary/ EUP Great Start Collaborative will provide materials. After construction, our club will install the outdoor libraries and help deliver the mobile carts to local businesses.