**Altrusa International of Temple**

**Multifaceted Literacy Project**

**OVERVIEW:**

The multifaceted literacy project is actually several projects designed to fill the literacy needs of the community, from children, young adults, adults to the elderly. These projects are also designed to span many months to help reach President Folley’s literacy goal.

The projects are in various stages of design, and each individual project will be submitted for approval once the details of the project are worked out. The projects currently being discussed include:

Project A: Bookshelves of Books – being submitted to the board for approval in January

Project B: Free Book Fairs – collecting information. Proposal expected for the club.

Project C: Family Reading Nights – potential project to be discussed

Other ideas for literacy projects may be included as part of the multifaceted Literacy Project in the upcoming months.

PROJECT A: Bookshelves of Books

This project will supply age-appropriate books to organizations throughout the county. Organizations can request a bookshelf if they do not have one and can opt for a one-time book distribution or periodic restocking of the books. Each bookshelf will have signage inviting that child, adult or teen to take a book home for their personal use. All books will have an Altrusa bookplate. This proposal is to fund up to 18 possible locations which are currently being explored.

The initial organizations being explored include:

1. The Temple Community Clinic (English and bilingual books)
2. 411 House – (books the young men can take home to read to younger siblings, books on music and “coffee table” books on encouragement topics.)
3. Ralph Wilson Youth Center
4. Amy’s House
5. Appletree project
6. Belton Christian Youth Center
7. Body of Christ Community Clinic
8. CASA of Bell County
9. Central Texas Youth Services
10. Family Promise
11. Families in Crisis
12. Feed my Sheep
13. Foster Love of Bell County
14. 4C Head Start
15. Helping Hands Ministry
16. Our lady of the Angels
17. Ronald McDonald House
18. Saulsbury Children’s center

Additionally, apartment Complexes in low-income areas and little free libraries will be explored for future consideration.

**COST:**

**Bookshelves:** The bookshelves will be purchased for an average of $60 each. For budget purposed, we are estimating half of the locations (9) would need a bookshelf to display the books, for a total amount of up to $540 for the bookshelves.

**Books:** Although we anticipate using donated books whenever possible, some books will have to be purchased as well to adequately stock all of the bookshelves. We are requesting up to $50 per location for 18 locations to use to purchase books if needed, or $900

**Labels and miscellaneous:** $60

Total amount being requested: Up to $1500

**HOURS:** we are estimating up to 100 hours needed to pick up donated books, purchase books needed, insert the book plate in the front of the books, pick up or put together the bookshelves and deliver the bookshelves and books. Most of the activity would be done as a group project over one or more work days.