

Eager Readers – Party of 6 **\$ 994.71** ***Janie Jones***
Make-a-Word kits and complementary book packs enable students in small group settings to bring existing competencies to early word reading skills. Learners will be exposed to text on appropriate levels and learn how words work, which will in turn lead to reading success. Kindergarten and first grade TEKS objectives are targeted with these materials. (Students impacted-589)

Look at Me! I Can Read! **\$ 4,848.80** ***Pam Walker and Evelyn Wedgeworth***

Reading is the foundation of all learning. This grant funds the purchase of leveled reading texts, Starters through Levels 1 to 6, both fiction and nonfiction. Reading leveled books in small groups enhances the development of successful, independent readers. All kindergarten students (220) will be impacted.

Bugs, Bees, Butterflies, and Blossoms **\$ 1,314.00** ***Cynthia Harkrider***

This grant funds a field trip for all first grade students to the Stephen F. Austin Mast Arboretum and Native Plant Center. Students will explore forest habitats, plant and animal adaptations, and the world's pollinators—utilizing hands-on activities, puppets, games, and music. This exciting experience enriches the science curriculum and impacts 228 students.

Alpha Smart—Writing Tool **\$2,200.00** ***Cynthia Harkrider***

This grant provides one Alpha Smart word processor for each first grade classroom. “Neo” by Alpha Smart is designed specifically for writing and features a complete keyboarding tutor, spell-check, dictionary, and other functions. These power writing notepads will be used daily in language arts centers.

To Infinity and Beyond! A Sci-Port Space Adventure **\$2,016.00** ***Carla Cheshire***

A trip to Sci-Port Discovery Center in Shreveport provides exciting hands-on activities and experiences that directly relate to science TEKS. With a focus on astronomy and space science, all third graders will experience the new Space Center, which has been added to Sci-Port this year.

Math: When Are We Ever Going to Use This? **\$939.14** ***Karen Bishop***

Colorful and entertaining stories based on mathematical situations illustrate the importance of math in everyday circumstances. This grant funds a 21--book set for each second grade classroom (220 students impacted). Math-- based literature reinforces and enriches instruction.

Math: Read All About It! **\$1,090.00** ***Cindy Stacy***

This grant funds math-based literature books (total of 180 books) for all third grade classrooms (194 students). Studies show this cross-curriculum approach for teaching math concepts is engaging and effective.

Challenging, Amazing Math-Teaching Techniques (CAMT) (*Conference for the Advancement of Mathematics Teaching*)
\$1,615.41 ***Kay Hubbard***

Three Libby teachers will participate in this 3-day, intensive, statewide math conference in July to learn innovative ideas from outstanding speakers and math teachers from the state and nation. They will choose from a wide variety of sessions and then share these techniques with other teachers during in--service workshops.

“Differentiated Instruction: 109 Strategies for Success” **\$3,785.00** ***Kay Hubbard***

The prestigious Appelbaum Training Institute will provide a seminar and workbooks for all Libby personnel on differentiating instruction in the classroom. Matching the wide variety of student abilities and learning levels with the curriculum in a successful manner is vital for success. A one-size fits-all mode of instruction does not work in a class of AD/HD students, learning disabled, underachievers, and gifted. This seminar provides teachers with important tools to provide for all the different populations.

“Super Science Circus” **\$ 3,592.00** *Kay Hubbard*

All Libby students (400) attend a performance of the “Super Science Circus” sponsored by the SFASU Fine Arts Dept. High energy circus performer J. Lipiarz and mime T. Arterbury (Mr. Fish and Silent Trent) demonstrate properties of the natural world, thermodynamics and other often-dry science concepts with fun props like beach balls, bullwhips, boomerangs, and bubbles to pique children’s interest in science.

The Modern Classroom: Seeing is Believing **\$996.00** *Tryphena Bledsoe*

This grant funds the purchase of a multimedia projector and DVD/VCR system to connect to the existing teacher PC workstation, ELMO, and TV to create a visually and technologically rich environment to enhance student participation and involvement in their learning.

A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words **\$2,399.00** *Marsha Barden*

This grant purchases an ELMO, multimedia projector, and notebook computer for use in 3rd grade classrooms. This technology allows teachers to incorporate a large variety of visual aids in their classes. Teachers struggle to keep students focused and attentive. With this technology, teachers can present lessons in a much more creative and hands-on way.

“That’s a Wrap” **\$2,152.58** *Diane Phillips*

Knowledge of basic math facts is the basis for fluency in math. Learning Wrap-ups are a hands-on, kinesthetic tool to help students master those essential facts. This grant provides a set of Wrap-ups for each second grade classroom and the resource classroom.

This Little Light of Ours **\$1,580.00** *Judy O’Neal*

Fourth grade language arts, art, and fine arts teachers request 1 ELMO, multimedia projector, and cart to share to enhance their instruction. This modern technology provides endless presentation capabilities, which stimulates student attention and addresses many different learning styles.

Traveling Texas with New Techniques Poss **\$1,384.00** *Shirley Reed and Sharron*

This grant funds 1 multimedia projector and ELMO for fourth grade language arts teachers to enhance their presentations.

ELMO to the Rescue **\$2,388.00** *Nina Snow*

Fourth grade math teachers request 1 ELMO and multimedia projector to dramatically enlarge their presentation possibilities.

Around the World in 180 Days **\$ 2,388.00** *Kay McGough, Kim Bullock, Marilyn Phillips, Nina Snow, Monica Griffin*

Fourth grade science teachers request 1 ELMO and multimedia projector. This ELMO will attach to a microscope and project the contents of a slide for the entire class to see.

Technology: The Final Frontier **\$1,737.00** *Pam Todd*

Fifth grade science teachers request 1 ELMO, 1 DVD/VCR player, and 2 carts to add to their technological presentation setups.

Language Arts in the 21st Century **\$1,564.00** *Mae Lewis*

Fifth grade language arts teachers request 1 ELMO and 1 multimedia projector to stimulate student attention by adding many presentation possibilities to their instruction

Is History Real? **\$2,067.00** *Kaye Deaton*
Fifth grade social studies teachers request 1 ELMO, multimedia projector, wireless keyboard and mouse, and DVD/VCR player to enhance their presentations.

Technology Lift Off! Success with ELMO **\$1,688.00** *Janna Richardson*
With the ELMO, any lesson becomes visual. Studies show this type of teaching vastly improves all students' learning, and students in special ed classes need all possible assistance. This grant requests 1 ELMO and 1 multimedia projector.

Project ELMO III **\$ 1,144.82** *Gail DeJohn*
Using a multimedia approach, sixth grade language arts and social studies teachers request funds to buy additional materials to establish centers and further enhance instruction. Titles include Life in Medieval Times, The Castle, Egypt, and Comprehension at the Abstract Level.

Discovering Minds Explore Sci-Port **\$2,498.00** *Pam Todd*
A visit to Sci-Port Discovery Center in Shreveport supports state and national standards for science. Sci-Port features constantly changing world class exhibits, over 200 hands-on educational activities, and a state of the art IMAX theatre. A Space Center and Planetarium have been added this year. This memorable experience impacts the entire 5th grade (208 students).

Experiencing the Re-Creation of Oil Discovery **\$1,127.00** *Shelley Peace*
This grant funds transportation and admission to the East Texas Oil Museum in Kilgore. Students will step back in time to see the oil discovery, the people, their towns, personal habits, tools, and pastimes--colorfully depicted in dioramas, movies, sound presentations, and antiques. All fourth grade students (190) will be impacted.

Reading Our Way to Writing **\$1,392.00** *Gina Dodge*
Each 4th grade language arts teacher receives a collection of 48 books that incorporate the 6 writing traits studied in 4th grade. Research shows students need modeling of good reading and writing to be successful.

A Blast to the Past **\$2,157.00** *Dana Chambers*
A trip to Medieval Times in Dallas enables sixth grade students (193) to transfer their study of the Middle Ages into a direct application of their knowledge. Students encounter royalty, knights, and a panorama of feudal society and entertainment. For many, travel to a large city is an important experience in itself.

Look at What We're Reading Now! **\$2,271.80** *Audrey Almeida*
This grant adds a large selection of nonfiction books with different degrees of difficulty to the Baker-Koonce library. These are current, high interest books which will encourage reading. An Accelerated Reading quiz accompanies each book to provide immediate feedback to students and teachers.

TheatreFest 2008 **\$767.00** *Kim Funderburk*
The CJHS theatre teacher will attend TheatreFest 2008 in Dallas. This conference offers 145 innovative and creative workshops (lead by impressive special guests) for educators on all levels. Its mission is to support and promote educational theatre in Texas by providing quality educational opportunities, a network of resources, and a forum for establishing standards, programs, and projects to celebrate the importance of theatre in the human experience.

Set? Set? Where is the Unit Set? **\$1,382.82** *Kim Funderburk*
The UIL One-Act Play Unit Set is a flexible set of 28 modular elements. It is not literal or realistic scenery, but rather an abstraction of scenic elements; almost any scenic concept can be suggested through its imaginative use. This set will be used by CJHS and CHS students and various community events.

Turning Lessons Into Learning Experiences! **\$1,640.10** *Kim Griffith and Petra Hagan*

This grant funds two InterWrite SchoolPads to enhance 7th grade math teachers' presentations. Continually updating their classroom instruction, these wireless devices allow teachers to write notes, highlight key points or control any projected application as they move about the room. All 7th grade students will benefit.

Projects to Knock Your Socks Off! **\$1,912.00** *Teresa Dennard*

Desktop publishing requires a good camera and printer to showcase student work. This grant funds a new digital camera and laser color printer for junior high students (425). Information technology is an essential communication skill, and these devices will allow students to produce top-notch projects to exhibit at school, to the community, and on the school's website.

Now Presenting... Powerful Lessons **\$4,956.00** *Lynda Johnson*

This grant funds two complete ELMO/multimedia projector, DVD/VCR systems for the junior high campus. They will be available for teachers to use in the library computer labs or in individual classrooms. This up-to-date presentation method heightens student interest and involvement, resulting in improved academic accomplishment and better TAKS scores.

Open Your Heart to a Scientific World III **\$4,953.00** *Joyce Oliver*

This exciting field trip opens students' eyes to many different opportunities in scientific and medical fields. At the Houston Medical Center AP Biology, Anatomy and Physiology students observe open-heart surgery, facial reconstruction, the Museum of Natural History exhibits, collect organisms in Galveston Bay, and more.

TEKS- Teachers Exploring Kinetic Science **\$4,960.00** *Nola Manis*

Twelve CHS and CJHS science teachers will attend CAST, the Texas Science Teachers Convention. The scientific world--and the TAKS test--is changing. This conference provides the newest ideas and activities for teachers to bring back to energize their classrooms.

Teaching, Touching, and Telling with Technology **\$1,950.00** *Nola Manis*

This grant purchases three ELMOs for Biology, IPC, AP, and Environmental Science classes. The clarity and magnification of this equipment allows the entire class to instantly view what is happening in an experiment, under a microscope, or in a petri dish. Students impacted--400.

Under the Looking Glass **\$1,083.00** *Joyce Oliver*

The ProScope Microscope is a hand-held device whose lens magnifies whatever it touches--inside the classroom or outside investigating soil samples or microorganisms. Student curiosity expands exponentially with the many amazing applications, such as experiments recorded with snap shot or time lapse photography and projected on a computer or screen.

CAMT Conference **\$4,442.00** *Art Horton*

The CHS math department (8 teachers) will attend this outstanding math conference in San Antonio. Some 750 sessions educate teachers on innovative methods using technology, hands-on activities, and manipulatives to most effectively provide instruction.

Seeing is Believing... Retaining and Learning- ELMO TT02 U **\$2,780.00** *Art Horton*

This grant funds 4 ELMOs (Model TT02U) for Algebra I and II and statistics classes. Research shows varieties of stimulating visual displays are more easily grasped, retained, and absorbed by students.

Nimble Navigating Numbers **\$5,000.00** *Cristie Read and Angela Hardy*

This grant funds two TI-Navigator systems. With these setups, algebra classes transform from teacher-lecture to interactive learning. Classes will become hands-on, all students must participate, and teachers get instant feedback.

From Technology to the Table **\$3,011.10** *Mark Davis and Don McGuffin*

This grant, the Prior family's gift to the agriculture dept., purchases technology for online record keeping. The FFA Record Book program is part of a TAMU database only accessible via the Internet. Now students can enter information and activities into their record book by Internet connections in each ag science classroom. Students will also use the software to produce media for contests and community relations.

Time Doesn't Stand Still **\$975.00** *Bud Worley*

This grant funds a digital camcorder for computer classes. Students must develop effective communication skills in all medias. With the camcorder, computer, and skillful editing, students (130) will demonstrate the knowledge necessary to tell effective stories using video.

Digital Broadcasting Enhancement **\$4,961.92** *Donnie Pitchford*

This grant continues to build on previous grants to upgrade and improve the system being constructed at CHS-TV. Added components will bring the existing digital audio and video production tools closer to those used in the professional world. Products are shared within the school system, the community via radio and cable TV, and worldwide via the CISD website.

More Smart Music with SmartMusic **\$4,870.00** *Paul Najera*

This effective computer-based practice system enables band students at CHS and CJHS to become measurably better faster and makes practice more fun. With accompaniments for more than 30,000 titles, challenging exercises, and the ability to record personal CDs, SmartMusic is the future of music learning. To enable more access to this innovative tool, this grant adds 4 more setups.