

# Individual Project Report

## Elementary School Library Electronic Books

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### Project Description

1. Describe the project. What was done, when, and where did the project activities take place?

The objective of the Elementary School Library Electronic Books Project was to promote Basic Education and Literacy by providing students from kinder to 5<sup>th</sup> grades access to electronic books 24/7 for use at school or at home. With limited budgets, schools are not able to purchase as many of the vital and important reading materials for the students. With this grant, we were able to purchase 220 electronic books for Leyendecker Elementary with 523 kinder through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Laredo Independent School District and 220 electronic books for Newman Elementary with 625 kinder through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in the United Independent School District. Both school districts are located in Laredo, Texas. With the assistance of Capstone (an online book purchase site used by public school libraries), books were selected for purchase that would be suitable to the needs of the schools. Capstone has supplied electronic books to the respective schools in the past and they assisted us in ensuring no duplication in books would be made to ensure the schools received books they did not have in their respective libraries. The books were purchased effective on May 30, 2018 through Capstone, which books were discounted by 50% to allow Laredo Daybreak to purchase twice as many books with the funds available through this grant project. The electronic books were delivered and made accessible to the schools on May 30, 2018. We had made formal presentations to the respective schools on May 23, 2018 (Leyendecker) and May 28, 2018 (Newman) of the donation of the 220 electronic books to each school, which pictures are attached to this report. These electronic books will be accessible to not only the current student populations of Leyendecker and Newman but to thousands upon thousands of future students, as the licenses will automatically renew on the books. Further, the electronic books are available not only during the school year but also in the summer which will promote and enhance the reading literacy of the students and maintain the level of the students' reading skills as they proceed to the next grade level.

2. How many people benefited from this project?

Leyendecker Elementary presently has 523 kinder through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Laredo Independent School District and Newman Elementary presently has 625 kinder through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in the United Independent School District. However, the electronic books will benefit thousands upon thousands of future students for years to come due to the ongoing license for each book. We were able to purchase 220 electronic books for each respective school with the funds in part due to the 50% discount given by Capstone. The receipts and invoices/purchase orders provided by Capstone are attached to this report.

3. Who were the beneficiaries, how were they impacted by this project, and what humanitarian need was met?

The beneficiaries of the project were the 523 kinder through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Leyendecker Elementary in the Laredo Independent School District and the 625 kinder through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students

at Newman Elementary in the United Independent School District. Further, the family members and friends of the students (parents, siblings and others) will have access to the electronic books during school, afterschool, weekends and during the summer as well to continue to impact, promote, maintain and enhance reading literacy amongst the students and those around them. The possibilities are endless for the students to have greater accessibility to the books for projects, research papers, and homework assignments and for expanding their minds through reading. The overall project goal was to promote Basic Education and Literacy as reading is of utmost importance to future educational success.

4. How many Rotarians participated in this project?

This project was led by the Laredo Daybreak Rotary Club consisting of 50 present members with the financial assistance of the Rotary Clubs of Laredo Rotary, Laredo Gateway, Laredo Next Generation and Laredo Under 7 Flags. The Laredo Daybreak Rotary Club board approved the undertaking of the project and exchanged ideas with the other members on how to choose the schools for receipt of the electronic books. Principally 5 to 10 Laredo Daybreak Rotary Club members participated in the drafting of the grant application, following up with Capstone on the books to purchase, contacting Leyendecker principal, Maria Oviedo, and Newman Elementary principal, Leticia Garcia to schedule official presentations and to confirm and finalize delivery of the books, the purchase of the books, confirmation of receipt of the books, and completing the report for this project.

5. What did they do? Please give at least two examples, not including financial support provided to the project. Principally 5 to 10 Laredo Daybreak Rotary Club members participated in the drafting of the grant application, following up with Capstone on the books to purchase, contacting Leyendecker principal, Maria Oviedo, and Newman Elementary principal, Leticia Garcia to schedule official presentations and to confirm and finalize delivery of the books, the purchase of the books, confirmation of receipt of the books, and completing the report for this project. The Presidents of the other participating Rotary Clubs in Laredo also were present for the official presentation of the books being donated. Laredo Daybreak Rotary Club members hope to maintain a continuing relationship with Leyendecker and Newman with members going to the schools to read the electronic books with the students and further promote the mission of Rotary International and promote the importance of Basic Education and Literacy.

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role?

Leyendecker Elementary in the Laredo Independent School District and Newman Elementary in the United Independent School District were the cooperating organizations. Their role was to coordinate with Laredo Daybreak and Capstone on the purchase of the books to avoid duplications. They helped to also direct us in book choices to serve the different grade levels at their respective schools.

**Financial Report**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>%</b>
Aug 02, 2017	Laredo Daybreak	District Grant	\$4,000.00	50.00 %
Jul 01, 2017	Laredo Under 7 Flags	Club/Other	\$100.00	1.25 %
Jul 01, 2017	Laredo Gateway	Club/Other	\$500.00	6.25 %
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>

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Jul 01, 2017	Next Generation	Club/Other	\$500.00	6.25 %
Jul 01, 2017	Laredo Rotary	Club/Other	\$500.00	6.25 %
Jul 01, 2017	Laredo Daybreak	Club/Other	\$2,400.00	30.00 %
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>

<b>Description</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Local Amount</b>	<b>Currency</b>	<b>Tax</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Amount</b>
220 Electronic Library Books-- Newman Elementary	Coughlan Companies LLC dba Capstone	\$4,000.00	USD	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
220 Electronic Library Books-- Leyendecker Elementary	Coughlan Companies LLC dba Capstone	\$4,000.00	USD	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
					<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>