

Shelf Talk: Library System receives Dollar General Grant



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Mississippi County Library System receives \$2000.00 Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to Support Summer Literacy

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation recently awarded MCLS a \$2000.00 grant to support Summer literacy. This local grant is part of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation's recent award of \$10.5 million donation to support summer, family, and adult literacy programs, representing the organization's largest one-day grant donation in its 29-year history.

The Mississippi County Library System is hosting its annual Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is Oceans of Possibilities, and we are so excited to receive this grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. Summer Reading is essential to a child's education. When a child goes the entire summer without reading, they lose three months of reading comprehension skills each year. The money from this grant will directly support our Take and Make kits in July. The MCLS understands July is the time most families take their vacations which is why rather than holding in-person programs, the libraries put out Take and Make kits. These kits are available to be picked up when a child comes to check out

a book and can be created in the library or at home. Each craft encourages a child's STEM and critical thinking skills. Upon completion of the craft, a picture can be uploaded to Read Squared and will earn your child points, which pushes them further into the reading program.

"For nearly 30 years, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has been proud to invest in literacy and education programs in our hometown communities," said Denine Torr, executive director of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. "The recent and significant shifts in the educational landscape have made the Foundation's mission more critically important. As we work to create access to high-quality instruction for all individuals, we share our gratitude for the educators who are working to uplift and empower others. We hope these funds will have a meaningful impact on students and teachers across the country and look forward to seeing the positive impact they have on learners."

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation supports organizations that increase access to educational programming, stimulate and enable innovation in the delivery of educational instruction and inspire a love of reading. Each year, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation awards funds to nonprofit organizations,

schools, and libraries within a 15-mile radius of a Dollar General store or distribution center to support adult, family, summer, and youth literacy programs. The Foundation also offers a student referral program for individuals interested in learning how to read, speak English, or prepare for the high school equivalency exam. Referrals to a local organization that provides free literacy services are available online here or through referral cards found in the Learn to Read brochures that are available at the cash register of every Dollar General store.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since 1993, the Foundation has awarded more than \$216 million in grants, helping more than 15.4 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy, a general education diploma or English proficiency. Cal Turner, Jr. founded the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to honor his grandfather and Dollar General's co-founder, J.L. Turner, who was functionally illiterate having dropped out of school in the third grade to support his family. The Foundation aims to provide support to schools, libraries and nonprofit organizations that seek to improve adult, summer, youth and family literacy initiatives. To learn more about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, visit www.dgliteracy.org.



Magic show performed at the library - Tommy Terrific's Wacky Magic Show visited both the Osceola and Blytheville Public Library Wednesday afternoon, June 15. Tommy Terrific is a big kid that showed up at the library to watch his Uncle Fumpnutter perform his magic show. When no one can find Uncle Fumpnutter, Tommy took over. Tommy, who has never done magic, had help from the children and the Magician's Handbook. He successfully performed several magic tricks for the children and adults present. (Photos By Jennifer Weaver)

BIC Elementary announces year-end student awards

BIC Elementary end of the year awards included:

- Kindergarten**
- Citizenship - Kaycie Clark, Ximena Orozco, Ellie Sills.
- Music - Addie Nuckles, Fynn Lofton, Jaxon Bridges, Jace Cobb, Ellie Sills, Aubrey Stull, Kraven Navarro.
- Computer - Addie Nuckles, Asher Applegate, Jaxon Bridges, Callie Jo Pennington, Ellie Sills, Samuel Garrison.
- Library - Kaycie Clark, Lincoln Prosser, Shaylee Beach.
- PE - Asher Applegate, Jaxon Bridges, Jace Cobb, Ximena Orozco, Ellie Sills, Abbi Kate Dewitt.
- Art - Ellie Sills, Jenly Boatman, Evie Christenson, Lane Harrell, Jagger Snider, Samuel Garrison.
- Yearly All A Honor Roll: Asher Applegate, Nora Bradley, Evie Christenson, Kaycie Clark, Leigha Gonzalez, Addie Nuckles, Lincoln Prosser, Shaylee Beach, Jace Cobb, Noah Cox, Yahir Gomez, Shandler Martinez, Callie Jo Pennington, Ava Roberts, Piper Yancey, Ellie Sills.
- Yearly A-B Honor Roll: Lane Harrell, Fynn Lofton, Elena Serpico, Jaxon Bridges, Ruby Craig, Zeke McCain, Kennedy Shepard, Cael Terron, Abbi Kate Dewitt, Alyssa Gaither, Averi Mancilla, Kraven Navarro, Lailii Ruiz, Jagger Snider, Aubrey Stull.
- First grade**
- Citizenship - Hannah Lasater, Zeily Marroquin, Naomi Chavez, Alisson Diaz.
- Music - Hannah Lasater, Landry Taylor, Izrael Arenas, Greenleigh Henderson, Slade Hawkins, Harley Luff, Blythe Couch, Annelise Jackson.
- Computer - Alisson Diaz, Channing Ballard, Izrael Arenas, Harlee Luff, Liam Nuckles, Green-

- leigh Henderson, Hannah Lasater, Julius Rodriguez.
- Library - LIBRARY: Gannon Cox-1st, Milan Tapia-2nd, Jax Sands-3rd.
- PE - Liam Nuckles, Landry Taylor, Judd Hawkins, Khloe Greathouse, Jagger Cobb, Wesley Posey.
- Art - Jax Sands, Chandler Sawyer, Channing Ballard, Bryson Howard, Jay Turnbow, Maddox Sipes, Hannah Lasater.
- Perfect Attendance - Myla Decker, Jay Turnbow.
- Mrs. Brewer's subject awards: Reading, Language Arts, & Spelling - Hannah Lasater, 1st; Bryson Rawson & Landyn Stone, 2nd; Aliana Rodriguez, 3rd.
- Math - Chip Adams, 1st; Hannah Lasater & Bryson Rawson, 2nd; Landyn Stone, 3rd
- Fluency: Bryson Rawson, 1st; Hannah Lasater, 2nd; Aliana Rodriguez, 3rd.
- Mrs. Fires s - Mia Arellano, 1st; Tucker Kendrick, 2nd; Ethan Austin, 3rd.
- Math & Language Arts - Mia Arellan, 1st; Landry Taylor, 2nd; Tucker Kendrick, 3rd
- Ms. Faith Rolland's subject awards: Reading - Greenleigh Henderson, 1st; Mia Gomez, Lawrence Hickman, Jason Wright, 2nd; Alicia Aleman, Jay Turnbow, 3rd.
- Reading Fluency - Sawyer Jameson, 1st; Greenleigh Henderson, 2nd; Jason Wright, 3rd.
- Penmanship - Juddson Hawkins, Mia Gomez.
- Math - Sawyer Jameson, 1st; Alicia Aleman, Mia Gomez, Greenleigh Henderson, Kaylee Mendez, Dakota Naracon, Liam Nuckles, Jason Wright, 2nd; Maddox Sipes, Jay Turnbow, 3rd.
- Spelling - Mia Gomez, Greenleigh Henderson, Lawrence Hickman, 1st; Alicia Aleman, Creighton

- Burrow, Blythe Couch, Sawyer Jamison, Oakley Rhoades, Maddox Sipes, Jason Wright, 2nd; Kaylee Mendez, 3rd.
- Best Effort Award - Creighton Burrow.
- Mrs. Whitney Rolland's subject awards: Reading - Gannon Cox, 1st; Milan Tapia, 2nd; Robert Davis, 3rd.
- Math - Gannon Cox, 1st; Jax Sands, 2nd; Teagan Lindley, 3rd.
- Language Arts - Gannon Cox, 1st; Jax Sands, 2nd; Izrael Arenas, 3rd.
- Reading Fluency - Rodrigo Contreras, 1st; Milan Tapia, 2nd; Robert Davis, 3rd.
- Penmanship - Jax Sands.
- Top Reader for Grades 1-3 - Gannon Cox.
- Yearly All A Honor Roll: Aubree James, Hannah Lasater, Landyn Stone, Aliana Rodriguez, Bryson Rawson, Mia Arellano, Channing Ballard, Myla Decker, Tucker Kendrick, Landry Taylor, Alicia Aleman, Blythe Couch, Mia Gomez, Greenleigh Henderson, Lawrence Hickman, Sawyer Jameson, Kaylee Mendez, Dakota Naracon, Maddox Sipes, Jay Turnbow, Jason Wright, Gannon Cox, Christine Lapeer.
- Yearly A-B Honor Roll: Chip Adams, Eduardo Estrada, Madeline Ford, Lexi Holcomb, Wesley Posey, Julius Rodriguez, Sophie Wadkins, Ethan Austin, Jagger Cobb, Alisson Diaz, Jude Dunigan, Slade Hawkins, Sawyer Holt, Kreedyn Ibanez, Bryson Howard, Creighton Burrow, Juddson Hawkins, Chandler Hill, Zeily Marroquin, Liam Nuckles, Wesley Talavera, Braxton Dawson, Izrael Arenas, Tyeson Parnell, Jax Sands, Milan Tapia.

LEGAL

INVITATION FOR BID

PROPERTY

The Government of Mississippi County, Arkansas is accepting bids for the sale of county owned land. The property being identified as **Tax Parcel IDs 305-00491-101 and 305-00491-136** and having a physical address of **3901 & 3869 S. Highway 61, Blytheville, Mississippi County, AR 72315**, and containing a total of **±7.85 acres**.

APPRAISED VALUE OF PROPERTY

After comparing land sales for commercial property in the same area and similar areas at the other Blytheville Interstate exit, the Mississippi County Assessor assessed the value of "the land located in tracks of 2 acres and of 5.85 acres in the N1/2 NE NW South of Highway I-55 R/W west of State Highway 61 in the Blytheville Ireg. Lots, all in section 33, Township 15, Range 11 at \$392,500.00 without the removal of existing fuel tanks".

DEPOSIT

Upon award of the bid, the Buyer must post a \$10,000 deposit held in a non-interest-bearing escrow account by an escrow agent of the Buyer's discretion ("Escrow Agent").

INSPECTION PERIOD

There shall be an inspection period of one hundred twenty (120) days from award of the bid. In the event Buyer's inspections and other due diligence investigations reveal matters unsatisfactory to Buyer during the Inspection Period, Buyer shall have the right to terminate the Agreement and the Escrow Agent shall immediately return the Deposit to Buyer. Unless Buyer has terminated the Agreement prior to the end of the Inspection Period, the Deposit shall be deemed non-refundable to Buyer, except in the event of Seller default or otherwise provided below, but applicable to the Purchase Price.

Following the initial 120-day Inspection Period, Buyer shall have the right to extend the Inspection Period by three (3) additional sixty (60) day periods for an additional deposit of \$5,000 per extension (the "Extension Deposits"). The Extension Deposits shall be deemed non-refundable to Buyer, except in the event of Seller default or otherwise provided below, but applicable to the Purchase Price.

In the event Buyer's inspections reveal the presence on the Property of hazardous materials, unsuitable soils, rock or any other environmental or geotechnical discovery unknown by Buyer, Buyer shall provide Seller with written notification of such presence and the Inspection Period shall automatically be extended for forty-five (45) days. Seller shall make the Property available for inspection by Buyer, allowing Buyer, at Buyer's sole risk, cost and/or expense, to undertake a complete physical inspection of the Property as Buyer deems appropriate, provided that any such inspection does not cause any damage to the Property. Buyer may terminate the Agreement in the event that environmental and/or geotechnical conditions negatively impact Buyer's intended development. Upon receipt of such notice, Escrow Agent shall immediately refund all deposits to Buyer.

CLOSING

Consummation of the transaction shall take place at the office of the title/ closing agent selected by Buyer on or before 30 days following the expiration of the Inspection Period, or any extension thereof ("Closing"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Buyer may set the closing date at any time after the expiration of the Inspection Period and prior to the Closing on ten (10) business days written notification to Seller designating the closing date.

EXPENSES OF SALE

Buyer shall pay for the issuance of the title commitment and survey, the documentary stamps on the deed, and the premium for the title insurance policy with coverage in the amount of the Purchase Price. Each party shall pay their own attorney's fees.

BIDDING PROCESS

Sealed bid opening will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, in the County Judge's Office located at 822 W. Plantation Road, Burdette, AR 72321. 870-763-3212 **SEALED BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE NO LATER THAN 4 p.m.** on Monday, June 20, 2022. Minimum bid requirement is \$392,500.00. Mississippi County reserves the right to accept or reject any bid.

DATE: June 2, 2022

JOHN ALAN NELSON, COUNTY JUDGE