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Jourdanton Elementary School wins $1,500 literacy grant from ATPE Foundation

AUSTIN – Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) Foundation board member Tina Briones made a special presentation to Jourdanton Elementary School during its April school board meeting to recognize the school for winning a $1,500 literacy grant from the foundation. Kay Longley, the school librarian, applied for the foundation's Beth Ann Rogers Literacy Initiative Grant with the hope of adding new books to a library collection that is more than 15 years old.

"We have 697 students that range from poverty level to middle class," Longley wrote in her grant application. "Reading is the key to success, and we feel that by placing a book in each student's hands enables them to continue to grow and become responsible citizens of our community."

Through the Beth Ann Rogers Literacy Initiative Grant, the foundation will provide $1,500 grants to seven Texas public school libraries for the purchase and modernization of literacy materials and resources during the 2012-13 school year. The grant is named in memory of longtime educator Beth Ann Rogers, who worked as a teacher, principal and school librarian throughout her 36-year career in public education.

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The ATPE Foundation was established in 2000 by the Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE), the state's leading educators' association and the largest independent association for public school educators in the nation. The foundation is dedicated to the advancement of public education and the success of Texas schoolchildren through literacy initiatives, technology programs, and educator recruitment and retention efforts.