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Bane Elementary awarded \$1,500 ATPE Foundation literacy grant

HOUSTON, Texas – The Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) Foundation would like to recognize Bane Elementary School for winning a \$1,500 literacy grant.

Bane librarian Jackie Cundieff applied for the foundation’s Beth Ann Rogers Literacy Initiative Grant with the hope of adding new books to the school’s library collection.

“The campus is a Title I campus with 92.45 percent of the students considered economically disadvantaged,” Cundieff wrote in her grant application. “Despite the growth of digital resources, our students still check-out a lot of fiction and nonfiction books. District funding for books has been limited in the past several years due to the state’s current educational funding condition.”

According to Cundieff, the district was forced to cut book budgets, and as a result, the books have become outdated.

Through the Beth Ann Rogers Literacy Initiative Grant, the foundation provides \$1,500 grants to seven Texas public school libraries for the purchase and modernization of literacy materials and resources each year. The grant is named in memory of longtime Texas 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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