

BEYOND
THE BOOKS
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

2023-2024 Grant Award Winners
Announced: Monday, May 6th, 2024

Grant Review Process

- Blind review of applications
- No identifying information allowed
- Apps cannot reveal name of district, school or applicant
- Scored by a team of Beyond the Books board members

Rubric Considers:

- Innovation
- Project description and clarity
- Impact on student achievement
- Collaboration with others
- Effectiveness of teaching strategies
- Sustainability of program (or justification for a one-time event)
- Evaluation of outcomes
- Realistic and complete itemized budget that aligns with program goals

Key Sponsors

The Shirk Family Foundation

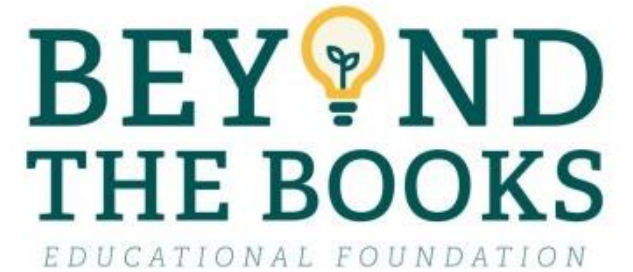
- Funding the Beyond the Box grant for the past 15 years

The Ingold family

- For generous annual contributions in memory of Jack and Ann Ingold

Rivian Automotive

- For their generous support of STEM-related grants the past three years.



Awards for 2023-2024

Mini Grants:	27 grants	\$17,009
Standard Grants:	19 grants	\$53,636
<u>Beyond the Box:</u>	<u>1 grant</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
TOTAL:	47 grants	\$80,645

Grant Recipients

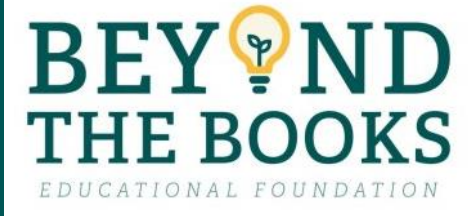


Congratulations grant winners!

Please visit the Beyond the Books website to review instructions on how to receive your grant.

<https://beyondthebooksbn.com/educators/grant-winner-instructions>

Beyond the Box Grant

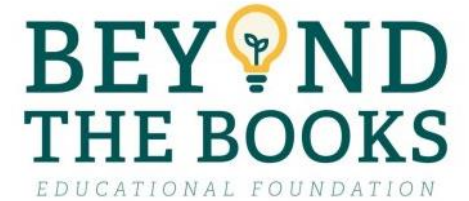


This year Beyond the Books will award one

Beyond the Box Grant
for a total of \$10,000

Beyond the Box grants fall between \$5,000-\$10,000

Beyond the Box Grant



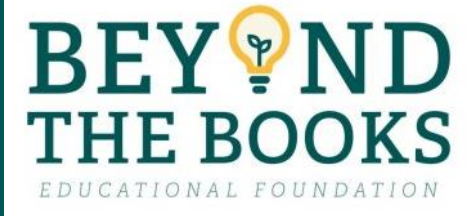
Designing a Space for All - \$10,000

Normal Community West High School

Dave Weber, Jackson Suddarth, Dave Lehr,
John Mackinson, Ali Akyuz & Becky Frangella

*Students design, create, and implement more functional
and collaborative common spaces at a high school*

Standard Grants

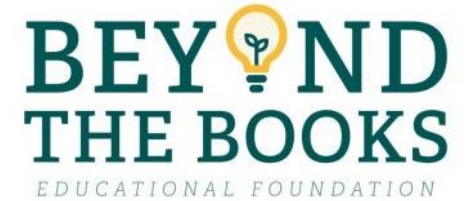


This year Beyond the Books is awarding

19 standard grants
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Standard Grants



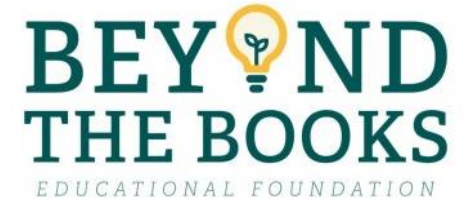
Growing The World In Our School Yard - \$3,480

Benjamin Elementary
Christina Schultz

Percussion Practice Accessibility: Tools and
Aides for Effective Practice - \$4,479

Bloomington High School
Jacob Beinborn

Standard Grants



Recipe for Success - \$2,663

Bloomington High School

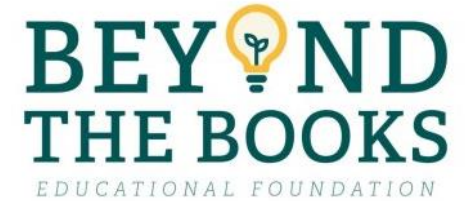
Lisa Clover

Rescue Ready: Elevating Student Preparedness
with CPR & AED Training - \$4,930

Bloomington High School

Angela Thatcher & Amy Ehrich

Standard Grants



Whatjamajig????? No, It is a Rigamajig!!- \$3,270

Carlock Elementary

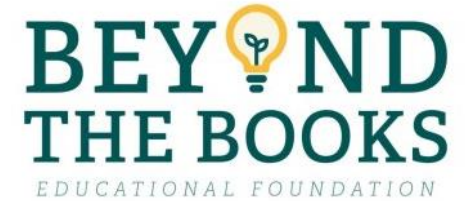
Jennifer Burns

Empowering Minority Music - \$740

Chiddix Junior High

Jillian Meszar

Standard Grants



Building Independence Through Apartment Living - \$4,000

Eugene Field

Jordan Newton-Gonzalez, Abby Everett & Jenni Decker

We ARE a Thinking COMMUNITY,
come THINK with us! - \$1,086

Glenn Elementary

Angie Grubic, Jamie Haseman, Bridget Law & Leeann Bain

Standard Grants



A Studio to Keep Kids in the Know - \$3,918

Kingsley Junior High

Eric Stegemann & Lakeisha Banks

Balances for Biology - \$1,240

Normal Community High School

Kathleen Pufahl

Standard Grants



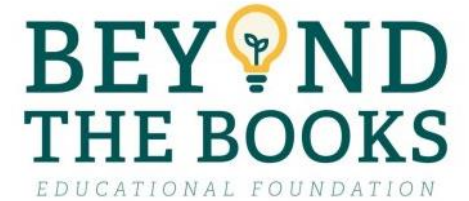
A "Little" Fun With Electrophoresis - \$4,100

Normal Community High School
Kathleen Pufahl & Amanda Long

Science is Unbeleafable: Student-led Experimental Design - \$961

Normal Community West High School
Abigail Primo

Standard Grants



Oh Canada, You Are On Fire! - \$4,976

Normal Community West High School

Valentine Walker, Joel Swanson & Michael Burt

Recycling: Let's Keep Plastics Out of Our Oceans
and Extrude Them! - \$4,920

Normal Community West High School

Valentine Walker, Joel Swanson, Daniel Highby & David Lehr

Standard Grants



STEM Is Elementary - \$1,484

Normal Community West High School

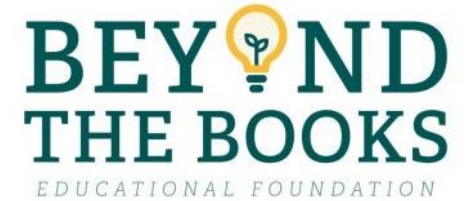
Dave Weber

Let's get digital, digital: Convert Archival
Materials for Online Access - \$824

Normal Community West High School

John Bierbaum

Standard Grants



Seeing Myself in My Music - \$740

Normal Community West High School

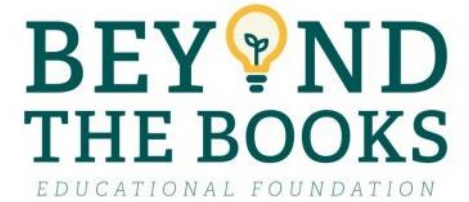
Ryan Budzinski

Children's Books as Windows and Mirrors for Research - \$950

Normal Community West High School

Remy Garard & Katie Bovenkerk

Standard Grants

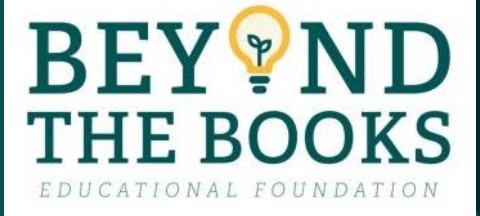


Garden Greenhouse Gateway to Learning - \$4,875

Washington Elementary

Maggie Killian, Jayme Corcoran & Erin Bersche

Mini Grants

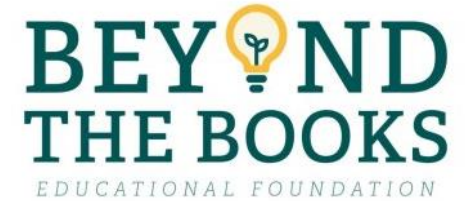


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27 mini grants
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* Mini grants fund programs under \$800

Mini Grants



To Kill A Mockingbird Graphic Novel - \$600

Bloomington High School

Marla Brady & Casey Kelley

Winning with Math Game Play - \$419

Bloomington Junior High School

Rachel Kuehnl

Mini Grants

Birthday Bags - \$324

Bloomington Junior High School
Kristen Ayers & Jessica Dougall

Building Skills through Board Games - \$698

Bloomington Junior High School
Caley Oltman & Lillian Harrison

Mini Grants

Purposeful Play - \$702

Carlock Elementary

Stacy Herren

Building Linguistic and Cultural Bridges - \$796

Evans Junior High School

Elisa Palacio, Bethany Schlipf & Jessica Hoy

Mini Grants

Books for All - \$642

Irving Elementary

Erin Knuth

Hands On History - \$332

Kingsley Junior High School

Anita Holland

Mini Grants



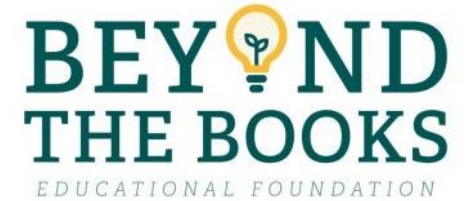
Promoting Reading, Writing, & Book Ownership
Through Creating Picture Books - \$675

Kingsley Junior High School
Jennifer Ritchason & Nikki Brien

Sometimes Wonderful Community Service
Opportunities Fall into Your Lap! - \$500

Kingsley Junior High School
Jennifer Ritchason

Mini Grants



Improving Social & Emotional Regulation with Board Games - \$505

Kingsley Junior High School

Jennifer Ritchason, Mindy Leverton, Nikki Brienen & Katie Starkey

Learning Environment for In School Suspension - \$798

Normal Community High School

Wendy Davis & Zach Barr

Mini Grants

Hooray for Hi-Lo! - \$798

Normal Community High School

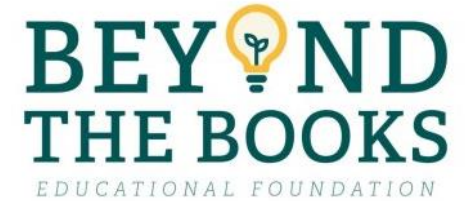
Caroline Fox Anvick, Michelle Hawkins, Emily Houk, Jodi Tamburini & Laura Turner

Pickleball Club - \$734

Normal Community High School

Kara Klepp & Dave Feeney

Mini Grants



Concepts in Practice: Statecraft Simulations - \$400

Normal Community High School

Hunter Watts

Speak Now (Journalism version) - \$515

Normal Community West High School

Natalie Spath

Mini Grants

Parks in the Classroom - \$635

Northpoint Elementary
Meaghan Pantaleone

Empowering Education Through Playaways- \$795

Oakland Elementary
Sarah Martin

Mini Grants



Breakout Boxes for Reading Engagement- \$790

Parkside Junior High School

Shiann Papandrea

Magnatiles for Surface Area! - \$784

Parkside Junior High School

Jessica Lawent & Shelby Gresham

Mini Grants



Growing Away from the Book - \$291

Prairieland Elementary

Suzanne Schertz

Mighty Language Learning with Miniature Objects - \$519

Prairieland Elementary

Danielle Estes

Mini Grants

Remote Control Tag - \$655

Stevenson Elementary

Jason Studryvin

Jumping Rope Should be for Everyone- \$736

Stevenson Elementary

Jason Studryvin

Mini Grants

Step Into School- \$773

Sugar Creek Elementary

Laura Yost

Building a “Sound” Reader - \$794

Sugar Creek Elementary

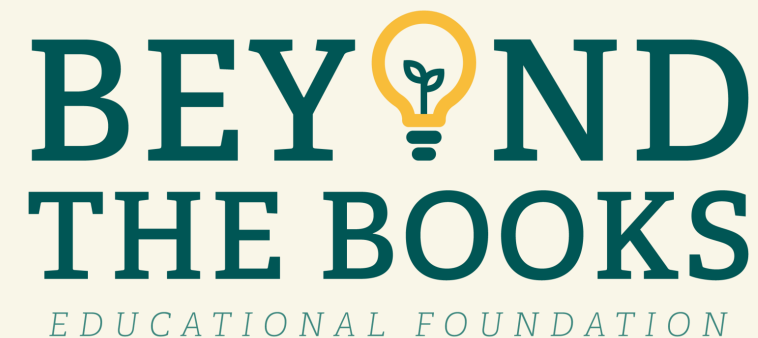
Karen Showalter

No Words = More Words - \$799

Sugar Creek Elementary

Karen Showalter & Rachel Mattson

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