

Snapdragon Book Foundation - Award



In our tenth (!!) year of operation, the Snapdragon Book Foundation was quite pleased to receive nearly 600 applications from all types of schools and from every state in the country (including the Virgin Islands, the Mariana Islands, Alaska and Hawaii)! This was our most competitive year yet! Grants ranging from \$1000 to \$20,000 have been awarded to the ten deserving schools below.

Morris Schott STEAM Elementary ♦ Mattawa, WA

Full STEAM Ahead! Fueling STEM Identities for Rural Readers

Award winning STEM picture books, graphic novels, mysteries, adventure, science fiction as well as high interest non-fiction STEM books of every kind will be checked out to students as part of a reading challenge. The focus will be on STEM books that feature people of color, women and other underrepresented groups in STEM contexts.

One of only 10 grants awarded in the U.S., this volunteer effort not only put \$13,000 of new books in the hands of kids in a remote, rural community, but helped transform the school staff room into a small library. Without any library staff, the collection needed to be easy to organize, inviting to kids and useful to teachers. 2000 outdated and damaged books were weeded to make room for new books. The library was reorganized from a Dewey classification scheme to a METIS system which is kid-friendly, whole language and flexible, allowing us to focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.

Tiffany in her volunteer gear at Morris Schott Elementary STEAM library. Over half the books are graphic novels & all are high interest books highlighting populations under - represented in STEM.

