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iQ CREDIT UNION'S READ WITH ME® PROGRAM AWARDS BOOKS TO SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON SCHOOLS

VANCOUVER, Wash. – iQ Credit Union has awarded \$3,500 in book grants to 42 recipients in 36 public and private elementary, middle and high schools in Southwest Washington as part of its Read With Me grant program. The schools use the grants to provide more than 3,000 free books to students who participate in a school-based reading program.

“Our roots are in education,” said Roger Michaelis, chief executive officer, iQ Credit Union, “so we know that instilling a love of reading today can produce a lifetime of rewards. Classroom budgets are growing ever tighter and programs such as this one can make a difference in helping teachers motivate and reward students who are working hard to improve their reading skills. We are very proud of this program and the support it receives from schools throughout Southwest Washington.”

In a partnership with local businesses, Read With Me takes applications from teachers and administrators looking for contributions to their reading programs. Established in 1997, the program has provided \$86,850 in funds for 58,362 books over the past 14 years.

iQ Credit Union's Read With Me grant recipients for 2010-11 include:

Elementary Schools

Burton Elementary
Captain Strong Elementary
Columbia Valley Elementary
Crestline Elementary
Glenwood Primary School
Harmony Elementary
Harney Elementary
Hathaway Elementary
Hazel Dell Elementary
Helen Baller Elementary
Illahee Elementary
Image Elementary
Lakeshore Elementary
Mill Plain Elementary
Peter S. Ogden Elementary
Riverview Elementary
Sifton Elementary
Skamania School

South Ridge Elementary
Stevenson Elementary
Stevenson-Carson Preschool
Tukes Valley Primary
Union Ridge Elementary

Middle Schools

Amboy Middle School
Laurinn Middle School
Liberty Middle School
Pacific Middle School
Pleasant Valley Middle School

High Schools

Fort Vancouver High School
Hayes Freedom High School
Lewis and Clark High School
Prairie High School
Washougal High School

Other Educational Programs
Bridges Academy

Fir Grove Vista Program
Washington School for the Deaf

Participating local organizations include Boyce Financial Group and SW Washington Retired Teachers Association.

About iQ Credit Union

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