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Nacogdoches Public Library Receives Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to Support Summer Literacy

Nacogdoches, TX – 06/02/2020 – The Dollar General Literacy Foundation recently awarded Nacogdoches Public Library a \$1,715.00 grant to support summer literacy. This local grant is part of more than \$8.6 million in grants awarded to more than 950 schools, nonprofits and organizations across the communities Dollar General serves.

“We are very pleased that the Dollar General Literacy Foundation is once again supporting our library’s efforts to bring programs and literacy efforts to Nacogdoches. The grant will be used for a new program, *Newcomer Bookworms: English as Second Language Learners Book Club*. This book club will be for parents who are learning to speak English and also want to prepare their children with pre-reading skills to give them a strong reading foundation. The program will be introduced to adults attending the soon to recommence Study Group for Citizenship Exam. This will be a wonderful opportunity to positively impact two generations of library patrons. We want to empower these young parents to be role models of learning for their children. Before COVID-19 disrupted library functions, we had seen how dedicated these young parents were to becoming citizens, as they saw it as a pathway to a better future for themselves and their children,” said Mercedes Franks, Library Director.

“During these extraordinary times, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation remains steadfast in its commitment to support communities’ literacy and educational advancements through funds that will impact thousands of students across the country,” said Todd Vasos, Dollar General’s CEO and Dollar General Literacy Foundation board member. “We are proud to support the meaningful and impactful work that each of today’s recipients conduct and support their ongoing efforts to help individuals improve their lives through literacy and education.”

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$182 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 11 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education.

Although COVID-19 has changed how the Nacogdoches Public Library planned to do its summer programming, the library staff remains committed to providing summer programs to encourage literacy and prevent summer slide, which is the drop-off in reading skills that can happen when a child does not read during the summer. Summer programs will be online, with the possibility of in-person

programs as prudent based on advice by health officials.

About the Dollar General Literacy Foundation

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since 1993, the Foundation has awarded more than \$182 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 11 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy, a general education diploma or English proficiency. To learn more about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, visit www.dgliteracy.org.

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