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Louisville Public Library Receives State Grant **Reinstated Grant Program Benefits Young Children**

LOUISVILLE, CO – January 13, 2014 – The Louisville Public Library is pleased to announce it has received a grant of \$7,744.00 from the Colorado State Library through the State Grants to Libraries Act. The grant specifies that the funds must be used for children’s materials that are available for circulation. At the Louisville Library, grant funds are being used to support the Library’s early literacy collection and to provide more popular titles.

Beth Barrett, Director of Library and Museum Services for the City of Louisville states, “In the past year we have paid particular attention to our library materials for young children who’ve not yet begun to read, focusing on pre-literacy and early literacy skills. This grant could not have come at a more opportune time, allowing us to add books and other resources we otherwise could not have afforded that will help children build those critical reading readiness skills.”

The State Grant will enable the Library to purchase an increased number of picture books, beginning readers, book and CD kits, music CDs, graphic novels and easy non-fiction books, as well as the electronic TumbleBooks and PebbleGo databases. All will help non-readers and very early readers develop the skills necessary to learn to read. New materials have begun to arrive in the Library and are available to check out.

ABOUT THE GRANT

The State Grants for Libraries was funded by the Colorado Legislature in 2013 to help increase access to early literacy and educational materials. This non-competitive program administered by the Colorado State Library funded a combined total of 290 public libraries, academic libraries, and school districts for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

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