

Book Bloggers

GRANT RECIPIENTS

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NYS STANDARD

ELA Strands 2, 3, 4

GRADE LEVEL

Grades 2 & 3

STUDENTS SERVED

40-45 Students



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this grant was to provide families of struggling readers with opportunities for reading and responding to literature together. Monthly literature kits circulated home to families of corrective reading students. Each kit included a book specifically designed for shared reading and a monthly literature question which families responded to in an online forum.

Open-ended literature questions were developed for each title. Books were purchased (webothread.com) and organized in canvas bags with the appropriate question. Book Blogger discussion boards were set up on the reading room website. Motivational incentives were purchased for students to choose from after completing their blog entry.

Anecdotal records were kept regarding the quantity and quality of blog entries. Adjustments were then made to the literature questions to help facilitate better conversations about the selections.

STUDENT OUTCOMES

- Students read and formed opinions about a variety of literary and informational texts.
- Students broadened their vocabulary by listening to the adult portions of the text selection.
- Students constructed written responses to each month's "Book Blog" question.
- Students developed fluency through repeated readings.