

Tames I. Gibson Public Library
Henderson District

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TITLE: Book Buggy

DURATION: 1 year--FY90

GRANT REQUEST: \$4,450

All the reasearch of the last twenty years points to the wisdom of reading to children, daily, or, at least, of demonstrating to them that we read. Yet during the same decades, fewer and fewer people chose children's librarianship as a career. As a result, we are left with a few specialists in children's literature trying to provide direct services to all children.

Although we normally don't consider children, per se, as an underserved group, they are, if we are not educating their caregivers, who, alone, have the opportunity to bring literature into young lives daily. According to Dr. Ann D. Carlson, Professor of Library and Information Science at Rosary College, "the most cost-effective way of reaching our goal as librarians" is to educate parents and adults who work with children. (School Library Journal, June, 1989).

Henderson District Library has one children's librarian serving approximately 15,000 children under the age of fourteen (figure based on Population Projections, Comprehensive Plan, City of Henderson, 1984). Story hours scheduled every fifteen minutes could not accommodate everyone. One way to reach all the children in a meaningful and lasting way is to focus on parents, grandparents, older siblings, and day care providers and teachers.

Project Book Buggy will run from November, 1989 through September, 1990. During that period, twenty two-hour workshops for caregivers will be given throughout the community - at work sites, day care centers, schools, churches, and trailer parks. Each workshop will include book talks, demonstrations on selection and sharing of books, and time for browsing.

The project will provide each participant with a packet of printed materials, including book lists for infants, toddlers, pre-schoolers, six and seven year olds, eight and nine year

olds, ten to twelve year olds, the Children's Book Council brochure on "Choosing a Child's Book." The project will also fund two copies of each book list title, to be used in the workshops and to be added to the basic collection, since increased demand is anticipated.

The project's success will be demonstrated in three ways - by attendance and feedback at the workshops and by a follow-up questionnaire mailed to participants.

Project goals coincide with the Council's first and second priorities. We plan to develop a basic collection of notable children's books and to provide programs to help caregivers share them with their children. Master plan goals of increased public use, increased collections use, and community involvement will also be fulfilled.

Proposed Workshop Sites:

Basic High School, for students and parents
junior highs, for students and parents
Relief Society meetings
Levi Strauss
Titanium
Kerr-McGee
St. Rose de Lima Hospital
day care centers
PTA meetings at elementary schools

Proposed Budget:

7 bookmarks (booklists) for each of 1,000 participants	\$300
1,000 copies of "Choosing a Child's Book"	600
1,000 folders for packet	200
books	3,000
posters, flyers, postage to advertise workshops	250
buggy (rehabbed wagon)	100
TOTAL	<u>\$4,450</u>