

City of Meridian Neighborhood Grant: **New Children's Books** for the Meridian Library at Orchard Park



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The Meridian Library District's new Orchard Park location is conveniently located along the busy corridor at Chinden & Linder in North Meridian, and recently opened in May of 2023.





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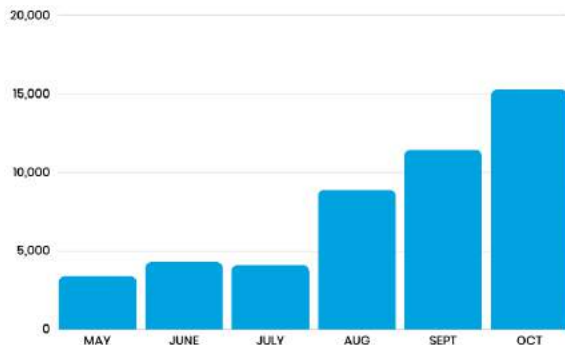
15,449 number of children's print books in the Orchard Park collection

15,272 number of children's print books borrowed from Orchard Park in OCT*
*see graph below for number of borrows each month

\$60,000 anticipated need for new children's books at Orchard Park for FY24

\$10,000 requested grant funding from the Neighborhood Grant

1,200 approximate number of new books that could be purchased through this grant





With this grant the library could purchase approximately 1,100–1,300 new children's books.

Types of books we'll be able to fund:

BOARD BOOKS

- Designed for infants and toddlers.
- Feature simple illustrations and basic concepts.

PICTURE BOOKS

- Typically for ages 3–8.
- Richly illustrated with a focus on the interplay between text & images.

EARLY READERS

- Geared towards children who are learning to read.
- Simple vocabulary, short sentences, and large font size.
- Often include repetition and predictable language.

CHAPTER BOOKS

- Targeted at more advanced readers (ages 7–10).
- Short chapters with more complex plots.
- Introduce young readers to longer narratives.

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If awarded this grant, Meridian Library staff estimate that approximately 195–275 books (\$1800–2200) could be purchased and processed each month, with the total project taking an estimated six months to complete.



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This project would not be possible for the Foundation without the help of the City of Meridian's Neighborhood Grant Program. To recognize your generous gift, the Foundation will place bookplates in each book purchased with grant funds, and invite City Council to tour the processing space at the Orchard Park Library.

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We thank the City of Meridian for considering our project!
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