

Choose to Read Ohio Grants

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Project Period: January 1, 2010 – September 30, 2010

Cardington-Lincoln Public Library

Title Selected: *Trouble Don't Last, Copper Sun* by Sharon Draper and *Beyond the River* by Anne Hagedorn

Activities: This is a collaborative project between the public library and the school district. The titles selected will support Ohio social studies content standards and programming will occur at both the public library and the schools. Students will be introduced to background material in various subject areas, such as music of the Civil War and the art of quilt making. A six week reading and discussion period will take place in Feb. and March and will be reinforced by student performances, historical presentations, quilt and art displays.

Federal Request: \$2984 for books, presenter stipends, and marketing.

Contact: Lisa Ebert, 419.864.8181, ebertli@oplin.org

Cincinnati Public Schools/Rothenberg Preparatory Academy

Title Selected: *Where the Steps Were* by Andrea Chang

Activities: All third and fourth grade students will read and discuss the book over a four week period and participate in the following activities: making a timeline of the book, studying and writing free verse poems, and presenting fables. They will also do a Reader's Theater performance of the book.

Federal Request: \$1556 for books and an author visit by Andrea Chang.

Contact: Agreta Mason, 513.363.5700

Clark State Community College

Title Selected: *The Death of Jayson Porter* by Jaime Adoff

Activities: Clark State Community College (CSCC) is partnering with Project Jericho (an arts outreach initiative) and the Clark County Juvenile Detention Center. Jaime Adoff will work with teens on a poetry slam and work with them on their original poetry. All participants will receive a bound volume of their individual poetry. Adoff will also hold a public reading for CSCC English students who have read the book *Teens in Detention* and CSCC students will have pen pal discussions about the novel.

Federal Request: \$4029 for author visits by Jaime Adoff, books, journals for students and costs associated with binding the poems.

Contact: Amy Korpieski, 937.328.6022, korpleskia@clarkstate.edu

Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library and Schools

Title Selected: *The Journey That Saved Curious George: The True Wartime Escape of Margaret and H.A. Rey* by Louise Borden and *You Remind Me of Me* by Dan Chaon

Activities: Two books have been selected to align with a school initiative to allow for varied reading levels. The Borden book was chosen because of the Jewish heritage of the area and the library will collaborate with the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage to assist with activities such as speakers and a display of materials focusing on immigration. A bike ride activity and scrapbooking will be used with younger children. Dan Chaon is a resident of Cleveland-Heights and traditional book discussion activities will take place. This may include intergenerational discussion groups and an online discussion forum. Both authors will conduct writers' workshops at the high school.

Federal Request: \$5211 for author honorariums, books, and promotion.

Contact: Nancy Levin, 216.932.3600, nlevin@heightslibrary.org

Columbus City Schools/Indian Springs Elementary

Title Selected: *Trouble Don't Last* by Shelley Pearsall

Activities: Fourth and fifth grade students will read the book and complete a variety of projects on the book itself, the history within the book and the author. The unit will culminate with a visit to Kelton House and an author visit.

Federal Request: \$2214 for books, transportation and admission costs, and author visit by Shelley Pearsall.

Contact: Tracey Graham, 614.365.6032, tgraham7004@columbus.k12.oh.us

Cuyahoga County Public Library

Title Selected: *After Tupec and D Foster* by Jacqueline Woodson

Activities: Entitled R3O: Read, Rap, Record Ohio! This project will provide educators and other adults in the community with the tools to encourage literacy in the tween community by providing them with interactive, multimedia ways to bring the book to life. Activities include an introduction to hip hop culture, book discussions, book trailer creation and an author visit.

Federal Request: \$9375 for author visit by Jacqueline Woodson, honorariums/fees for three additional presentations, videocameras

Contact: Cecilia Huffman, 216.398.1800, chuffman@cuyahogalibrary.org

Lane Public Library/Cleveland Elementary School

Title Selected: *Where the Steps Are* by Andrea Chang

Activities: Students at Cleveland Elementary School will read the book in preparation for the demolition of their school. Students will participate in a poetry writing project and in a printmaking project coordinated by Andrea Chang. Student poetry and prints will be bound into booklets. A podcast of the author visit will be posted on the Lane Public Library website.

Federal Request: \$4462 for a two-day author visit, art supplies and books.

Contact: Gratia Banta, 513.894.7156 x 604, g.banta@lanepl.org

Licking Valley Local School District

Title Selected: *Copper Sun* by Sharon Draper

Activities: Four titles by Sharon Draper have been selected for summer reading assignments with one title to be assigned for each grade. Cross-curricular activities will be initiated at the beginning of the school year, including an author visit, presentations by local historical groups, a writing contest and other student contests that connect the summer reading titles to the curriculum.

Federal Request: \$7268 for books, author visit and marketing.

Contact: Theresa Boehmer, 740.763.3551, boehmert@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us

Pettisville School Library

Title Selected: *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McClosky and *Trouble Don't Last* by Shelley Pearsall

Activities: K-3 students will be read *Make Way for Ducklings* and see a video about the author. They will then learn about artists/illustrators and the Caldecott Medal and this will be used to as a means to learn library location skills. Eighth grade students will read *Trouble Don't Last* as part of their social studies class. A minimum of seven discussion sessions will be held and students will also be asked to do library research on Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad.

Federal Request: \$1127 for author visit by Shelley Pearsall, books, and support materials.

Contact: Lorrie Miller, 419.446.2705, Pet_lib@nwoca.org

Saint Helen School (Dayton)

Title Selected: *Where the Steps Are* by Andrea Chang

Activities: A multidisciplinary five-day lesson plan that addresses vocabulary, math, literature and history will be developed and used with 4th and 5th graders. The students will participate in literature circles, read aloud and create timelines and poetry while studying the book.

Federal Request: \$1110 for books, art supplies, and an author visit by Andrea Chang.

Contact: Jackie Skiple, 937.256.1761 x 118, jskiple@sthelenschl.org

University of Dayton Curriculum Materials Center (CMC)

Title Selected: *Trouble Don't Last* by Shelley Pearsall

Activities: As a part of the teacher preparation program, future teachers will work with three urban schools on the project. Students will read the title independently or as a read aloud and discuss the title in small groups as well as complete activities from the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center's lesson plans. The program will conclude with a visit by Shelley Pearsall and a tour of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.

Federal Request: \$7549 for two-day author visit by Shelley Pearsall, transportation and admission to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, supplies, and books in a variety of formats (bound volume, audiobook, Braille)

Contact: Ann Raney, 937.229.3140, ann.raney@notes.udayton.edu

Urbana University

Title Selected: *Trouble Don't Last* by Shelley Pearsall and *Beyond the River* by Anne Hagedorn

Activities: Six public events will be held to promote community discussions and two field trips to three museums will be offered. Education majors will ready the book and create lesson plans to support teaching the book. These will then be used in partner classrooms at local schools. Parents will be encouraged to read the book with their children and participate in the public events. Associated activities will include presentations on the Underground Railroad in Champaign County, photography of Underground Railroad sites and the Champaign County Quilt/Barn Tour. Field trips to the Piatt Castles, Rankin House, and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center will be offered.

Federal Request: \$9980 for books, photographic supplies, two-day author visit by Shelley Pearsall, and admission fee to museums.

Contact: Julie Ann McDaniel, 937.484.1337, jmcdaniel@urbana.edu

Way Public Library

Title Selected: *Beyond the River* by Anne Hagedorn

Activities: The library will offer seven book discussions on the book and the Underground Railroad, culminating with an author visit. Book lists for further reading will be developed and distributed and special library displays created.

Federal Request: \$2470 for books, author visit by Ann Hagedorn and marketing.

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