

Dear Alumni,

Literature textbooks do not quickly lose their value and worth, but the types of literature we can offer students vastly varies from year to year. We are asking for support to:

- update classroom literature,
- provide accessibility to our students,
- adopt new literature in order to mix in with the classics we currently teach and
- to offer variety and choices to our students.

We are also striving to comply with the ever-changing standards and incorporate more informational text into the curriculum, and this is widely missing.

Currently, we are proposing that \$1,000 be spent on each grade 7-12, to update the curriculum. This need stems from the changing expectations of standards, but is also compounded by the fact that while Litchfield Elementary School received the SIG III Grant, the middle and high school did not. We now have students who will be moving from the elementary to the middle school; in order to continue to provide them with the necessary materials for success, we need help in procuring these items.

The chart below shows what types of materials to be purchased, for which grades, and expected cost of these materials. We also have a unique opportunity when purchasing from Partner's East Book Distributing to receive a 40% discount based on the amount of money we will be spending with them. *Essentially, this means stretching the \$6,000 budget to \$8,400, to be spread over each grade respectively.*

Grade Level	Literature	Informational Text
7th & 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letters From Rifka(30) • The Outsiders • Wonder(30) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the underground Railroad(30) • Appropriate Grade Level Informational Text sets (30)
9th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee, replacement texts (15) • Romeo and Juliet No Fear Shakespeare Text (30) • Grade level appropriate novels – Various titles (15) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade level appropriate texts – Various titles (15)
10th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Macbeth No Fear Shakespeare Text (30) •Text sets focusing on Culture and influence of other countries (30) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade level appropriate texts – Various titles (15)
11th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck, replacement texts (15) •Text sets focusing on Culture and American traditions (30) • Grade level appropriate novels – Various titles (15) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Album, replacement texts (20) •Grade level appropriate texts – Various titles (25)
12th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade level appropriate novels – Various titles (15) • Text sets revolving around the “American Dream” theme (30) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch, replacement texts (15) • Grade level appropriate texts – Various titles (25)