

2025-2026 Proposed Project Description:

The Meridian Library District (MLD) and the Rotary Club of Meridian have identified the need to support youth through a summer reading program. The goal of the program is to help students in the MLD geographic area maintain literacy skills over the summer and develop a love of reading. Participating youth receive two free age-appropriate books and engage in challenges, prizes, and activities designed to prevent the "summer slide." Meridian Rotary Club will collaborate with the MLD to purchase, apply bookplates, and distribute free books playing a crucial role in building home libraries and supporting childhood literacy and make a lasting impact on the participating youth of Meridian. Custom Rotary bookplates will be placed in the books that are given to the students and are estimated to cost \$100. The Meridian Rotary Club will purchase approximately 650 books. The books range in price between \$5 and \$8.

Estimated Financial Expenses		
Rotary Club of Meridian for Meridian Library District		
	Expenses	Revenue
Purchase 650 Books	\$ 4,900.00	
Customer Rotary Bookplates	\$ 100.00	
D5400 DDF Grant		\$ 2,700.00
Club Contributions		\$ 2,300.00
In Kind Rotary Volunteer Hours		
	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
<i>Note: Book costs range from \$5-\$8, depending on age level. More titles for elementary and middle school readers are planned. The price is an estimate based on projections.</i>		