

## Goodlett, Vicki

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**From:** Shouse, Tracy  
**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2017 6:32 PM  
**To:** Goodlett, Vicki  
**Subject:** Fw: Congratulations! Your school is receiving a Patterson Partnership Grant!

**From:** Howie, Betsy <[BHowie2@Scholastic.com](mailto:BHowie2@Scholastic.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 25, 2016 1:23 PM  
**To:** Shouse, Tracy  
**Subject:** Congratulations! Your school is receiving a Patterson Partnership Grant!

Dear Tracy Shouse,

On behalf of Scholastic Reading Club and James Patterson, thank you for the application you submitted on behalf of Spencer County High School's library.

This year we received thousands of applications in response to James Patterson's \$1.75 Million Pledge to School Libraries! The quality of this year's applications speaks highly of the teachers, parents, and administrators working hard to instill a love of books and reading in students across this country.

It is our pleasure to inform you that your school library has received a \$5000 grant. Congratulations!

So we can begin to process your grant, **please respond to this email with the following information WITH YOUR SCHOOL NAME IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF YOUR EMAIL:**

1. Confirm your **School Principal's name**
2. Confirm your **School Principal's email**
3. Provide the **Payee** for the check (i.e. "pay to the order of:")
4. Provide your school's **9-digit Federal Tax ID**
5. Confirm your **school's mailing address**

Checks will be mailed to the attention of your School Principal (Curt Haun) at your school's mailing address. **We recommend forwarding this email to your School Principal.**

The matching **Scholastic Bonus Points** will be awarded to the teacher nominated in your application (Tracy Shouse). Points will be deposited into his or her **Scholastic Reading Club account**.

**Please treat this note as confidential.** You will be hearing from our office with information regarding a press announcement which is scheduled for mid-November. Thank you for your patience and excitement!

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [pattersonpartnership@scholastic.com](mailto:pattersonpartnership@scholastic.com)

Congratulations again,

**Hannah Sherman**  
Patterson Partnership

Scholastic Reading Club

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**[SCHOOL NAME] RECEIVES GRANT FROM JAMES PATTERSON AND SCHOLASTIC READING CLUB FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY**

[LOCATION]- November XX, 2016- [SCHOOL NAME] received a grant today from bestselling author James Patterson to support its school library. In addition, Scholastic Reading Club will match each dollar of Patterson's donation with bonus points that teachers can use to acquire books and other materials for their classrooms. [SCHOOL NAME] was selected amongst thousands of applications for funding grants. To learn more, listen to Patterson's exclusive interview about the critical need for school libraries on the Scholastic Reads podcast: [oomscholasticblog.com/podcast/james-patterson-loves-libraries](http://oomscholasticblog.com/podcast/james-patterson-loves-libraries)

James Patterson and Scholastic Reading Club announced in March 2016 that Patterson would donate \$1.75 million to save school libraries nationwide in the second installment of his School Library Campaign. As part of an ongoing effort to keep books and reading a number one priority in the United States, selected school libraries will be receiving grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Since the grant Program's launch in 2015, Patterson has donated \$3.5 million to school libraries nationwide, with all funds are being personally donated by Patterson.

**[QUOTE FROM SCHOOL (INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW YOU PLAN TO USE THE GRANT MONEY)]**

"We've just come out of the most divisive presidential election in history – and among all the issues that captivated voters, education wasn't one of them. It was hardly discussed, says Patterson. Nearly half of the American population reads at or below a basic level, and we need to address that problem to foster an informed future electorate. I've made it my mission to underscore the vital role reading plays in children's lives, and the need to sustain school libraries is at the heart of that mission."

"Last year's 'Patterson Pledge' showed communities nationwide how important school libraries are, but also how gravely desperate they are for books to fill their shelves in the midst of steep budget cuts," said Judy Newman, President of Scholastic Reading Club. The amazing outpouring from schools combined with the continued generosity of James Patterson helped us solidify a second year of grants to help more children have access to high-quality books and, ultimately, revive school libraries. We are proud to announce this year's new grant recipients and thank James Patterson for his continued personal commitment to save school libraries."

In the first-ever partnership of its kind, Patterson joined forces with Scholastic Reading Club to administer funding applications to their network of 62,000 schools and 800,000 teachers. Schools entering were asked to share the story of their school library, including past efforts to make improvements and 'great ideas to help create a brighter future.' Patterson personally read and selected the winning recipients of the grants. Based on past winners, school libraries across the country have been using this funding to purchase new books, add bookshelves, make improvements to their catalog systems, and expand their programming. The full list of grant recipients is available online at <http://www.scholastic.com/pattersonpartnership/recipients>.

To learn more, go to [mediaroom.scholastic.com/scholasticreadingclub](http://mediaroom.scholastic.com/scholasticreadingclub) and follow #PattersonPledge on social media.