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Terrebonne Parish Library Receives \$1,000 Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to Support Summer Literacy Through Sensory Story Time at Home Kits.

Houma, LA– June 21, 2021– The Dollar General Literacy Foundation recently awarded Terrebonne Parish Library a \$1,000 grant to support summer literacy through the Sensory Story Time at Home kits. This local grant is part of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation’s recent award of \$10.5 million donation to support summer, family, and adult literacy programs, representing the organization’s largest one-day grant donation in its 28-year history.

According to the CDC, 1 in every 50 children have an autism spectrum disorder. The Sensory Story Time at Home program is designed for children that have ASD, sensory processing disorders, or other learning disabilities. These families face unique challenges when it comes to utilizing library resources and the kits aim to assist in addressing this. Every kit will contain books, instructions, and activities geared around a central theme and picked out to suit their needs. By allowing caregivers to check these materials out, the families will have the opportunity to participate in library programming in the comfort and familiarity of their own homes.

The ten kits will be available to check out to all patrons with library accounts in good standing. The kits can be picked up from the Information Desk in the Children’s Department of the Main Library. This library is located at 151 Library Drive in Houma. To reserve a kit, call 985-876-5861 option 3.

"For nearly 30 years, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has been proud to invest in literacy and education programs in our hometown communities," said Denine Torr, executive director of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. "The recent and significant shifts in the educational landscape have made the Foundation's mission more critically important. As we work to create access to high-quality instruction for all individuals, we share our gratitude for the educators who are working to uplift and empower others. We hope these funds will have a meaningful impact on students and teachers across the country and look forward to seeing the positive impact they have on learners."

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation supports organizations that increase access to educational programming, stimulate and enable innovation in the delivery of educational instruction and inspire a love of reading. Each year, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation awards funds to nonprofit organizations, schools, and libraries within a 15-mile radius of a Dollar General store or distribution center to support adult, family, summer, and youth literacy programs. The Foundation also offers a student referral program for individuals interested in learning how to read, speak English, or prepare for the high school equivalency exam. Referrals to a local organization that provides free literacy services are available online [here](#) or through referral cards found in the Learn to Read brochures that are available at the cash register of every Dollar General store.

For more information, contact Naomi Hurtienne Magola at 985-876-5861 ext.127 option 3.

About the Dollar General Literacy Foundation

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since 1993, the Foundation has awarded more than \$197 million in grants, helping more than 14 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy, a general education diploma or English proficiency. Cal Turner, Jr. founded the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to honor his grandfather and Dollar General's co-founder, J.L. Turner, who was functionally illiterate having dropped out of school in the third grade to support his family. The Foundation aims to provide support to schools, libraries and nonprofit organizations that seek to improve adult, summer, youth and family literacy initiatives. To learn more about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, visit www.dgliteracy.org

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