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Cooper-Clark Foundation Provides Grant to Smoky Hills PBS

BUNKER HILL, KS – The Cooper-Clark Foundation has awarded Smoky Hills PBS with a grant for \$2,100 to support the station's Literacy Leadership Program.

The Literacy Leadership Program is an effort from Smoky Hills PBS to engage and inspire children to be ready and eager to learn. One component of this program is the First Book Club, in which Smoky Hills PBS gives free books to children enrolled in Head Start or Preschool programs.

With these funds from the Cooper-Clark Foundation, FREE books will be distributed to children enrolled in the following:

- Public Preschool in Haskell and Morton counties and to those children in Head Start programs in Grant and Seward county.

"The Cooper-Clark Foundation has been very supportive of our Literacy Leadership program and we want to thank them for their continued generosity," said Haley Gagnon, Special Events Coordinator of Smoky Hills PBS, "Through this partnership, we are able to encourage a love of reading with these FREE books to many children throughout Grant, Seward, Haskell, and Morton counties."

The Cooper-Clark Foundation was established in 1983 in Liberal, KS.

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Smoky Hills PBS serves 71 counties in central and western Kansas and has been named the KS Association of Broadcasters Non-Metro Station of the Year. Smoky Hills PBS is available on many cable systems, DirecTV, and Dish Network. It is also available to stream by clicking here: video.smokyhillstv.org/livestream. More information on Smoky Hills PBS and its programs and projects are available at www.SmokyHillsPBS.org or by calling 1-800-337-4788.