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Golden Belt Community Foundation Awards Grant to Smoky Hills PBS

BUNKER HILL, KS – The Golden Belt Community Foundation (GBCF) has awarded Smoky Hills PBS with a grant for \$3,000 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 preschool or head start programs.

With these funds from the Golden Belt Community Foundation, children in Barton, Pawnee, and Rush counties, who are enrolled in Preschool, will receive FREE books during the 2021-2022 school year. For some, these books will be the only ones that they own.

“The purpose of providing these free books is to encourage parents to read with their children regularly. Providing educational resources to children in central and western Kansas is a very important part of the work we do at Smoky Hills PBS,” said Amanda Smith, Smoky Hills PBS Marketing Director. “We want to thank the Golden Belt Community Foundation for their support in allowing us to continue this FREE book program in Barton, Pawnee, and Rush counties!”

The Golden Belt Community Foundation engages doers and dreamers to build spectacular thriving communities by connecting motivated people to the right resources so they can create the community of their dreams in Rush, Pawnee, Stafford, and Barton counties.

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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.