

## MEMORANDUM

To: Grant Approval Workflow Participants  
From: Meredith Layton, City Librarian  
Darla Rance, Assistant City Librarian  
Kate Guynn, Children's Services Librarian  
Date: 1/10/2025  
Re: Better World Books 2025 Literacy Grants

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Comments: Attached please find our Grant Pre-Approval form for a Better World Books 2025 Literacy Grant.

For nearly ten years Helen Hall Library has worked with Better World Books as one of our partners in handling deaccessioned library materials. In addition to acting as a bookseller, Better World Books also donates and recycles discarded materials and financially supports literacy initiatives worldwide.

The Better World Books 2025 Literacy Grants are intended to support projects that address literacy challenges, enhance educational opportunities, and expand access to reading.

In partnership with League City's W.I.C. office, Helen Hall Library seeks funding to support distribution of early literacy kit to qualifying families. Kits would include a variety of books, early literacy activities, guidance for adults and caregivers, and information about Helen Hall Library's services. As W.I.C. supports healthy growth and development through nutritional programs and counseling, Helen Hall Library can play a part in providing early literacy experience and supporting cognitive development, language acquisition, and school-readiness. Grant funds would assist in expanding the library's reach and enhancing access for Galveston County residents.

Our grant application is due January 31, 2025. If awarded, a program start date is anticipated within six months. No matching funds from the City are required.