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Literacy grant for McKitrick School

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McKitrick Community School in North Battleford is among 20 schools across Canada that will receive a grant to support literacy for its students from the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation.

Over the course of the three-year grant program, each student will receive \$100 per year toward the purchase of new books and learning materials to engage them in a lifelong love of

reading.

With dramatically reduced funding from government toward new books and resources, the Love of Reading Foundation provides much needed funding to high needs schools to support the development of young minds.

The Indigo Love of Reading Foundation announced its continued commitment to children's literacy last week with another annual injection of \$1.5 million to fund

literacy programs in high needs elementary schools across Canada. Currently in its fifth year of providing grants that promote literacy programs from coast to coast, \$7.5 million has been contributed to school libraries and classrooms.

"The goal of the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation," said Heather Reisman, the foundation's chair, "is to raise to national attention the devastating effect which

this library crisis has on the development and education of our most precious resource . . . our young people.

"The hope is that once aware, every premier will make rectifying this situation, an unbreakable commitment."

The Indigo Love of Reading Foundation is a registered charitable organization established in 2004 to help provide new books and learning materials to Canadian elementary schools in need.

