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April Myerscough, Grants Coordinator
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Re: New Port Richey Library WOW Mobile Library

Dear Ms. Myerscough:

I write in strong support of New Port Richey Library's application to the Florida Humanities' 2025 Summer Reading Program Grants, to support its summer reading kits via the WOW (Words on Wheels) Mobile Library.

The NPR Library bookmobile provides a comprehensive library service throughout the community, including those that may have difficulty getting to the library. The Library plans to use award money for summer reading kits for children ages 1-12 that feature popular children favorites, including literacy, beginning readers, and chapter books – selected from the CSLP reading list and exclude any titles that have been questioned for appropriateness. The WOW Mobile Library plans to engage children during the summer months by making scheduled stops at VPKs, summer camps, social service offices, high-density housing areas, parks and community centers, and large community events. The Library wants to offer fresh new books and material to foster excitement with kids during their summer break, including books that will preserve, promote and share the history, literature, cultures and personal stories of Floridians.

As a member of Congress, I understand the vital role of our librarians and the importance of supporting them as they equip our children with learning and growing all year round, but especially during summer. I respectfully urge the reviewers to consider the merits of the NPR Library's application and allocate the necessary resources to address this critical need.

For the above reasons, I ask for full and fair consideration of this grant application consistent with applicable law, rules, and regulations at your agency. Please do not hesitate to contact my Director of Strategic Operations, Karen Mayer, at Karen.Mayer@mail.house.gov or at (727) 232-2921.

Sincerely yours,



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