

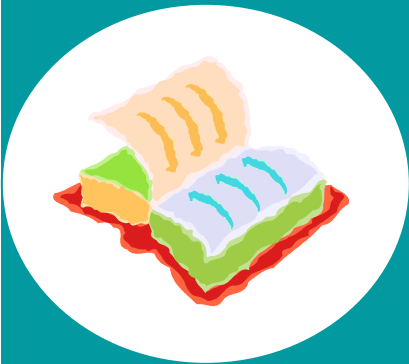


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Mission Statement

The mission of the Newton Schools Foundation is to enhance and broaden community support for public education and to provide funding for innovative and challenging programs in the Newton Public Schools. This private, 501 (c)(3) non-profit community foundation is governed by a Board of Directors which represents community and business leaders, parents and teachers.

Project Overview:

Reading, Writing and TeachingBooks.net will enrich and enhance the reading and writing experiences of elementary and middle school students. TeachingBooks.net is a subscription database providing author programs, book guides, book readings, readers' theatre scripts, links to author websites, thematic booklists and links to over 315 book awards. Through TeachingBooks.net, teachers have access to lesson plans and programs for authors and illustrators allowing them to enhance specific areas of the curriculum or focus on a specific author's work. Our goal is to replicate the success of our **Snap, Crackle, Brain(POP)!** grant and create a curriculum-related TeachingBooks.net resource handbook. Use of TeachingBooks.net, through this handbook: falls within the system-wide literacy initiative; provides opportunities for students to gather information on a favorite author, thereby creating an authentic learning experience; supports public speaking skills through the use of existing readers' theatre scripts; promotes independent reading; and, strengthens the home/school connection.



The development of these materials will foster a viable partnership between the library and the classroom in Newton's elementary and middle schools and deliver a consistent curriculum across the system. The materials produced can be used collaboratively (by library and classroom teachers), independently by the classroom teacher, and/or independently by students either in the classroom or at home.



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