



QUIGLEY STUDENTS WIN INDIGO LOVE OF READING FOUNDATION COMMUNITY RESPONSE FUND GRANT

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KELOWNA, BC – Teacher Librarian Sarah Murdoch Black secured \$6,250 dollars in new books at a 30% discount for Quigley Elementary students from the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation. The grant is part of Indigo Love of Reading's COVID-19 Community Response Fund.

"This is awesome news for our students and their families," said Murdoch Black, who applied for the grant. "It means that each student in our school will receive about \$25 dollars in new books from Indigo for their home library."

The grant from the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation is intended to help children and school communities who have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 global pandemic. The intent of the program is to provide children with books to read at home that are representative of their diverse community needs and share a positive message of hope, inclusion, and care during these unprecedented times.

Students will visit the library this week to pick out their books, and Quigley Elementary hopes to distribute the books to students over the coming weeks.

"Building an at-home library for children is a powerful way to teach them that reading is an important life skill," said Des Sjoquist, Principal at Quigley Elementary. "We are grateful that Mrs. Murdoch Black reached out for this opportunity, and grateful to have the extra support from Indigo because it really brightens these days for our hard-working school community."

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