

Montana Masonic Foundation Reading Achievement Program **2018**



Reading Achievement Program

For the 2017-2018 Masonic year, the Montana Masonic Foundation (MMF) will award a matching grant not to exceed \$1000.00 per lodge. The program will focus on the Kindles for Kids program. The Montana Masonic Foundation has pre-matched half of the cost of the Kindles.

The cost due from the Lodge per Kindle is \$26.00.

If the Lodge decides to participate in the Kindles for Kids (Reading Achievement) program, they will submit an application to the MMF. All Kindles will be purchased from the MMF and distribution of the Kindles will be from the MMF back to the Lodge. The recommended grade level is 5 through 6. The program should be oriented to the lower grades to reinforce the desire to read.

This program is made available by the MMF as a public charity and awareness program promoting public education and reading. *The aim of this program is to encourage grade school children to learn to enjoy reading.*

If your local Lodge is interested in participating, please make plans now before the **start date of 1 February**. The program should be completed by 31 May. Be sure to coordinate the program with the school and ensure that they know the program dates.

You do not require a District Officer signature for Kindles, only for the Bikes (because of procedural issues).

If you have questions on this process contact the District Officer

The preliminary design of this program is to approach a local school - usually elementary - and have the school library run a reading promotion program; the Masons will make Kindles available *as an incentive to the reading program*. For each book a student reads they are allowed to put an entry slip in the drawing (many schools have a similar or slightly different program in place for this and the Lodge representative should work with them.)

A drawing is then held at the end of the program date. For many schools, this is arranged to happen at the same time as an end of the year assembly. The program date is designated by the Lodge after discussion with the school representative, which is usually at least one quarter or semester. The Kindles should be awarded with as much public attention to the program as possible, such as a school assembly that has parent attendance, and with media coverage. This brings awareness to the program (and to the Lodge that sponsors it). The Masonic participation comes from donating the Kindles attending the drawing and award ceremony. The program particulars are up to the Local Lodge and the school, with the schools being able to take the lead in running the program itself.



Kindles for Kids
2018
APPLICATION FOR MATCHING FUNDS

Lodge Name and Number: _____ No. _____

The cost due from the Lodge per Kindle is \$26.00.

The Montana Masonic Foundation has pre-matched half of the cost of the Kindles. The total cost of the Kindles are \$52.00. Participating lodges pay half this (\$26.00).

Matching of funds by the MMF will not exceed \$1000.00 (this \$1000.00 includes Bikes if they are also part of the Lodge involvement in the Reading Achievement program).

1. Number of Kindles requested by the Lodge _____ X \$26.00 = _____

Make check payable to the Montana Masonic Foundation:

Check Number: _____ Amount: _____

The District Officer only needs to sign a copy of the Reading Achievement form for bikes, not for kindles.

Please allow one to two weeks for processing. (PLAN AHEAD)

In order to receive the match from the Montana Masonic Foundation, all Kindles must be purchased from the Montana Masonic Foundation.

Mail completed form and check to:

Montana Masonic Foundation
PO Box 1158
Helena, MT 59624-1158