

**The Riordan Foundation's
Recreational Reading Mini-Grant Program**

The Riordan Foundation and Rx for Reading have proudly offered the Recreational Reading Mini-Grant Program since 1993, donating nearly \$2 million worth of books to classrooms across Los Angeles County. Recreational Reading Mini-Grants are awarded to teachers who have demonstrated a strong commitment to fostering an enjoyment of reading in classrooms lacking recreational reading material. Individual grants consist of \$1,000 for teachers to develop or enhance classroom lending libraries in public and parochial schools.

Teachers, you may be eligible to apply if:

- You teach in a K-5 classroom in a public or parochial school in L.A.
- Over one-half of the students in your school qualify for free or reduced lunch. (Public school teachers)
- Your school has been designated a level 6,7,8,9 or 10. (Parochial school teachers)
- You did not receive a Recreational Reading Mini-Grant in 2009.

Rules and Regulations

Books must be housed in classrooms, not school libraries. Acquired books are not property of the teacher and must remain within the grade level of the classroom for which they were originally purchased, even if the teacher moves grades and/or schools. Children must be free to select books to borrow and take home to read; however, a formal lending system is not required. Please do not apply for textbooks and/or books that will be used a part of a formal reading program. Classrooms with 15 or fewer students are eligible for \$500 grants. Although all applications will be considered, The Riordan Foundation will award a maximum of 2 applications from the same school.

Grant Timeline

- Completed applications must be postmarked by November 30, 2009.
- Grants are reviewed and awarded, provided all guidelines are met, while funding is available. We encourage you to submit your application as early as possible.
- Award notifications will be mailed and posted on our website on January 11, 2010. **Do not call the office. The Riordan Foundation will not send notifications of receipt or declination.**
- Books will be shipped to teachers at winning schools by February 26, 2010.

Application Instructions

To access the Recreational Reading Mini-Grant application and booklist, please visit The Riordan Foundation's website at www.riordanfoundation.org. Please note that this application must be typed. If you have any further questions, please call the office at (310) 824-1570.