

In celebration of Earth Day, Sustainable Green Mountain (SGM), a neighborhood volunteer group, created a list of children's books about the earth and sustainability to share with our five local elementary schools. In addition, we donated two books on sustainability to each of the school libraries. As summer approaches, we would like to continue helping kids read and learn about sustainability by donating children's books on sustainability to our neighborhood Little Free Libraries. Some of our local elementary schools are in the bottom 50% for reading proficiency. While we have a great local library system, many of our local families don't have easy access to those public libraries and instead rely on the local Little Free Libraries. We are coordinating our local youth groups (middle school Eco Club, high school Ag club, and scout troops) to volunteer their time to research and select kid's sustainable books and to help the elementary school kids with their reading skills. Thank you for considering our project for a Roots and Shoots mini-grant to help the kids in our community!

School Stats:

Minority enrollment 48% Hispanic 33%, black 5%, Asian 4%, two races 5%, American Indian 1%, white 52%

Reading proficiency 35-39%

58% are eligible for free or reduced lunch