



East Allegheny School District Receives \$1500 Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to Support Youth Literacy

North Versailles – September 22, 2025 – The Dollar General Literacy Foundation (DGLF) recently awarded East Allegheny School District a \$1500 grant to support its youth literacy program. This local grant is a part of more than \$3.5 million recently awarded to nonprofit organizations, libraries and schools in Dollar General's hometown communities across the country to help extend a brighter future for K-12 students.

The project will create a dedicated traditional library space within our existing Digital Learning Center. This area will feature a curated collection of both fiction and nonfiction books, available for students to borrow or enjoy on-site, particularly during lunch breaks or other free periods. Designed as a quiet, welcoming, and easily accessible environment, the library will encourage a love of reading and support the development of independent literacy skills.

“By increasing access to books, we aim to promote literacy, improve academic skills, and foster a lifelong love of reading, ultimately supporting student success in our school,” said English and communications teacher Kathleen Chenot.

“As the immense need for accessible educational materials and resources for our country's youth continues, we are proud to provide vital support to local literacy programs,” shared Denine Torr, executive director of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. “The Dollar General Literacy Foundation believes every investment in the education of a young student is an investment in a brighter future. We are grateful to the local schools, libraries and nonprofit organizations that are serving students and helping them thrive.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation supports organizations that increase access to educational programming, stimulate and enable innovation in the delivery of educational instruction and inspire a love of reading. Each year, DGLF awards funds to nonprofit organizations, schools, and libraries within a 15-mile radius of a Dollar General store or distribution center to support adult, family, summer and youth literacy programs. The Foundation also offers a student referral program for individuals interested in learning how to read, speak English, or prepare for the high school equivalency exam. Referrals to a local organization that provides free literacy services are available online [here](#) or through referral cards found in the Learn to Read brochures that are available at the cash register of every Dollar General store.

To shine an additional light on literacy, the Foundation recently launched its sixth annual [The Yellow Glasses Project](#). Now through International Literacy Day on September 8 (or while supplies last), DG

customers can purchase yellow sunglasses for \$2 each at participating DG stores across the country to benefit the DGLF.

A comprehensive list of grant recipients may be found online at www.dgliteracy.org

About East Allegheny School District

East Allegheny School District serves the communities of North Versailles, East McKeesport, Wilmerding, and Wall, with approximately 1,340 students enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade. The district also welcomes students in grades 8–12 from the Duquesne City School District.

The East Allegheny school community reflects a diverse mix of urban and rural backgrounds, bringing unique perspectives to classrooms and school life. The district follows Pennsylvania state standards and is committed to providing meaningful, engaging instruction tailored to students' individual needs. Through strong collaboration among teachers, staff, administrators, and the School Board, East Allegheny supports student growth academically, socially, and personally.

About the Dollar General Literacy Foundation

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since 1993, the Foundation has awarded more than \$275 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 23.8 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy, a general education diploma or English proficiency. Each year, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation provides financial support to schools, nonprofit organizations and libraries within a 15-mile radius of Dollar General stores and distribution centers. To learn more about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation or apply for a literacy grant, visit www.dgliteracy.org.

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