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## **Dollar General Literacy Foundation awards \$6,500 to Mass.**

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Springfield, MA The Dollar General Literacy Foundation (DGLF) has awarded \$6,500 in youth literacy grants to two Massachusetts nonprofit organizations, libraries and schools. The funds are part of more than \$3 million recently awarded across the country and aim to narrow the gap between learners' needs and programs' financial resources by providing books, technology, equipment or materials to youth education programs.

The Massachusetts recipients are The Literacy Lab of Springfield (\$4,000) and Worcester Youth Center, Inc. of Worcester (\$2,500). The Massachusetts grants are expected to positively impact the lives of approximately 400 individuals in the state.

"The Dollar General Literacy Foundation's work to help individuals pursue their dreams and educational goals stands at the forefront of the Foundation's philanthropic passions, and we are proud to extend our ongoing commitment to support youth education through today's grant announcement," said Todd Vasos, Dollar General's chief executive officer and Dollar General Literacy Foundation chairman. "We understand the challenges educators and literacy programs may face and are proud to invest in local literacy and education initiatives to further demonstrate our mission of Serving Others."

Applications for the 2023 Dollar General Literacy Foundation grant cycle supporting youth, family, summer and adult literacy programs will be available at [www.dgliteracy.org](http://www.dgliteracy.org) in January 2023. These grants aim to support schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations within a 15-mile radius of a Dollar General store or distribution center in implementing new literacy initiatives or expanding existing ones. Grant applications may be found online at <http://www.dgliteracy.org>.

"During this back-to-school season, we are grateful for all of the educators, school officials, librarians, non-profit partners and volunteers who are working hard to help students excel and creating brighter futures for this generation of learners," said Denine Torr, Dollar General Literacy Foundation's executive director. "We hope these funds will help provide needed resources, enhance educational programming and position teachers and students for success."

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