



EDGAR AND ELEANOR  
**SHANNON FOUNDATION**

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CHARLOTTESVILLE/ALBEMARLE

**2021-2022 Grants**  
**\$19,423 total funding for 17 grants**

**LEVEL 1 PROJECTS**

***Children, Children What Do You See?***

Five-and six-year-olds gain experience and confidence exploring the walking trail around their school as they use binoculars to recognize, analyze, and record the nesting activity of bluebirds along the Bluebird Trail.

***Joan Evans, Burnley Moran Elementary School***

**\$676.00**

***Make It Simple***

Third grade students perform activities, design experiments, and test hypotheses using five simple machines and a spring scale to see and understand the effect of distance and force on work.

***Teresa Seto, Greenbrier Elementary***

**\$379.00**

***Diverse Book Clubs***

Fourth graders feel safe, valued, and heard as they participate in monthly book clubs to explore the vibrant mix of cultures, languages, religions, backgrounds, families, personalities, and abilities that make up their diverse community.

***Bethany Crawley, Johnson Elementary***

**\$750.00**

***Character Engineering***

Second graders use hands-on activities to learn about the character traits of ten famous Americans and how their contributions and sacrifices led to the betterment of our country.

***Nancy Kendall Williams, Baker-Butler Elementary***

**\$172.00**

***Empathy Fairies***

Second graders practice creativity, caring, and empathy as they make small decorative fairies to share with local nursing home residents who must often live away from family and friends.

***Nancy Kendall Williams, Baker-Butler Elementary***

**\$298.00**

***Kindness Rocks***

Second graders create painted river rocks to leave in planters and gardens, and on trails around their school, brightening the school atmosphere and lifting spirits through the rocks' messages of happiness, hope, and kindness.

***Nancy Kendall Williams, Baker-Butler Elementary***

**\$409.00**

***Yoga of Social Emotional Regulation***

Weekly half-hour yoga instruction for students with disabilities throughout the County helps improve physical fitness, self-esteem, confidence, overall mental health, concentration, and positive attitudes, while decreasing stress and anxiety.

***Heidi Hull, Albemarle County Schools Special Services***

**\$256.00**

***Kindness Rock Project***

An entire elementary school joins the nationwide Kindness Rock Project as they design and create painted rocks sharing messages of kindness, hope, and community for the Botanical Garden of the Piedmont.

***Hope Caplan, Crozet Elementary***

**\$750.00**

***Powerful Puppetry***

Elementary students engage in creative puppet play to express thoughts and feelings, speak out and project confidence, enhance their emotional development, and spark academic growth.

***Angie Foreman, Stone-Robinson Elementary***

**\$335.00**

### ***Get Out and Learn***

Colorful outdoor cushions and portable lap desks provide a comfortable and inviting space in the school library courtyard for students to engage with their library books, be inspired in their writing, and collaborate for research and learning activities.

***Angie Foreman, Stone-Robinson Elementary***

**\$690.00**

### ***Reconnecting in a Disconnected World***

Sixth graders identify strategies to mitigate trauma and increase mindfulness regarding stressful and overwhelming situations as they engage in multifaceted learning experiences to grow their understanding of 9/11 as a shared cultural touchstone and defining historical event.

***Kristina Passi, Walton Middle School***

**\$749.00**

### ***The Great American Library***

Eleventh graders consider the elements of and criteria for a great American story and make their best case for their favorites' inclusion in their classroom's student-curated Great American Library, complete with individual book placards explaining their choices.

***Meghan Streit, Western Albemarle High School***

**\$750.00**

### ***Develop a Partnership with Parents***

Families and school staff members engage in a shared learning experience through a book club focusing on partnership-building to foster relationships, build trust, and benefit students', parents' and staff members' sense of a shared school community.

***Caroline Bertrand, Western Albemarle High School***

**\$750.00**

### ***PreK Gives You All the Feels***

Four- and five-year-old at-risk students use Zones of Regulation books and activities to learn how to understand and manage their emotions, feel and show empathy for others, make responsible choices, and establish healthy relationships.

***Patrice Harris, Woodbrook Elementary***

**\$687.00**

## **LEVEL 2 PROJECTS**

### ***Building and Engaging Readers Through STEM***

Elementary students across age and grade levels engage in a new way with their school's Book of the Month as they improve soft skills and challenge their critical-thinking and problem-solving skills with STEM design challenges based on the books they read as a school community.

***Atlanta Hutchins, Crozet Elementary***

**\$4,869**

### ***Arts Anywhere***

A student-built, portable stage allows high schoolers to enjoy a durable, flexible, lighted outdoor venue for practices and performances across the arts spectrum, as well as plan for outdoor activities, lessons, celebrations, and ceremonies during the day or evening throughout the school year.

***Madeline Michel, Monticello High School***

**\$5,000**

### ***I AM Project***

Sixth, seventh and eighth graders engage in a year-long, collaborative artistic project to evaluate aspects of their own identities, figure out how their identities affect them as learners, and determine how their unique identities contribute to their greater community.

***Julie Stavitski and Don Barnes, Community Lab School***

**\$1,903**