

## South Grey Bruce Youth Literacy Council

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Re: Request for Funding - \$300

Dear Mayor Peabody and Councillors:

January 27, 2024, is Family Literacy Day, a day to highlight the importance of the development of literacy and numeracy skills in our children and youth. Children in our area are still struggling to make up for the difficulties encountered during on-line learning.

Financial assistance from the Municipality of Brockton would help with outreach to community members in your area and help develop our literacy library. We are looking for funding in the amount of \$300.

The South Grey Bruce Literacy Council (SGBYLC) is a charitable organization which has been providing assistance to children and youth for over twenty-five years. The success of this established program is well documented and we continue to adapt and evolve with the needs of the community. We are currently working with students out of our office in Hanover and the Walkerton Dairy Queen.

We provide free, confidential learning assistance to children and youth aged 6 to 18, who are struggling with reading, writing, and/or math. We provide training and resources to volunteers who help support these students. It has been proven that help received early in life can help a young person improve their literacy and numeracy skills, resulting in the development of confidence and the potential for future growth.

We obtain funding from various organizations, donations, and fundraising events. But as always municipal funding is vital, both in helping us deliver our literacy program and because it demonstrates your awareness and commitment to supporting the children and youth of our community.

We currently have no paid staff and the SGBYLC is being run entirely by volunteers. Please consider our request for funding and help to continue to support the children and youth of our community. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Louise McBride, Chair