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#### LIBRARY RECEIVES \$14,000 AMERICAN DREAM GRANT AWARD

The Southeast Steuben County Library is excited to announce that it has received a \$14,886 grant from the American Library Association for the 2013 American Dream Starts @ Your Library literacy initiative. This grant is funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

"As a library that serves a population of English as a Second Language (ESL) learners, we are especially pleased to have received this award," said grant project manager Linda Reimer. "This grant will allow the library to expand its collection of materials and services, including technology, in the area of English literacy."

In the coming months patrons will see new programs and materials offered at the library. Specifically, English language learners will be able to take bi-monthly workshops and take advantage of individual instruction using technology such as iPads and laptops to improve their English.

"There are very few gifts that last a lifetime. Literacy is one of them. It empowers individuals to increase their education and employability," said Denine Torr, Dollar General's director of community initiatives. "We are pleased to partner with the American Library Association to expand services to English language learners and to help enhance individuals' potential to unleash their American Dream."

"We applaud the Dollar General Literacy Foundation's recognition of the role libraries play in building their communities," said Maureen Sullivan, 2012-13 ALA President. "Because of the Foundation's generosity, 44 libraries will have additional resources to build their literacy programs and to extend a welcome to all people they serve. Indeed, the American Dream Starts @ your library!"

The American Library Association is the oldest and largest library association in the world, with 58,000 members. Its mission is to promote the highest quality library and information services and public access to information.

According to the ALA, since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$74 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 4.4 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy, a general education diploma or English proficiency.

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*The library is handicapped accessible. If you require special accommodations, please call us in advance: (607) 936-3713.*