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HUMANITIES COUNCIL RECEIVES GRANT FROM TD CHARITABLE FOUNDATION FOR CENTER FOR THE BOOK'S KIDS READING ACROSS RHODE ISLAND

The Rhode Island Council for the Humanities has received a \$12,602 grant from TD Charitable Foundation, the charitable giving arm of TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank® to support Rhode Island Center for the Book's Kids Reading Across Rhode Island, a summer reading initiative for students in grades 3-6 that encourages students across the state to read one particular book and engage in community discussions and programs.

Kids Reading Across Rhode Island is a partnership between the RI Office of Library and Information Services and the RI Center for the Book that provides continuity between school and summer reading through programming that connects students with local libraries. The TD Charitable Foundation grant will be used to provide increased access to reading resources and programming to diverse and underserved areas throughout Rhode Island.

"The Center for the Book and our volunteers who develop our programs are thrilled to have this opportunity from TD Charitable Foundation," said Kate Lentz, Director of the RI Center for the Book, "This grant will allow us to reach more communities, strengthening connections, promoting literacy, and supporting a love of reading and learning in children across the state."

A partnership between the RI Office of Library and Information Services and the RI Center for the Book, Kids Reading Across Rhode Island is made possible with major support from TD Bank and TD Charitable Foundation and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Rhode Island Center for the Book at the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities is a statewide organization devoted to promoting personal and community enrichment by celebrating the art and heritage of reading, writing, making, and sharing books. Founded in 2003, the RI Center for the Book is the state affiliate of the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress and is hosted by the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities. The Humanities Council's mission is to seed, support, and strengthen public history, cultural heritage, civic education, and community engagement by and for all Rhode Islanders. <http://www.ribook.org>

The Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS) is the state library agency for Rhode Island. OLIS supports and strengthens library and information services in the state to ensure that all residents will benefit from free and convenient access to library and information resources and services. OLIS supports children's library services by facilitating reading promotion and educational activities, through advocacy for children's library services, and through collaboration with other state agencies and non-profit organizations, including school/public library cooperation. <http://www.olis.ri.gov>.

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