

# Memorandum



**Date:** June 19, 2006  
**To:** Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Elba Garcia  
**Subject:** First Lady's Foundation for Family Literacy (Barbara Bush)

The Dallas Public Library is the recipient of the First Lady's Foundation for Family Literacy grant in the amount of \$25,000. The program builds on the success of the Plazas Comunitarias program providing a component for children pre-K through third grade to create a Family Literacy program.

This program will add children of adult students at the North Oak Cliff Branch Library offering them a reading program designed to increase basic skills and English exposure. A bilingual Children's Librarian will work with the children while their parents or other adult caretaker is in class. Then children and their parents will have a joint session where everyone reads a story and discusses it. With four hours of class time per week, two hours will be spent with families together and two hours of separate learning.

By involving the entire family in the reading program, the Library will become the place where the family reads together, learns together, and becomes stronger as a unit.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.



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