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'Love of Reading' at Woodland Primary Leads to Major Donation

Darlene Sullivan, Principal at Woodland Primary in Grand Falls-Windsor, is a pretty excited woman these days. That is because her school has just been awarded a grant worth \$122,000 over three years from the *Indigo Love of Reading Foundation*. Woodland Primary is one of only twenty schools from across Canada to be awarded the grant this year.

The Indigo Love of Reading Foundation is a charitable foundation established to improve literacy and opportunity for children in high needs schools. The funds provided to schools help to enrich libraries and support initiatives to encourage a love of reading.

"This will help to make our dreams come true," says Ms. Sullivan. "The library is the heart of our school and we want to make it an inspiring place for our students. A lot of our books are old and need to be replaced."

The grant will enable Woodland Primary to implement a number of literacy projects and restock the library with current quality children's books.

There will also be a straight grant of \$5000 per year that they can use for various initiatives. "The wheels are turning," says Ms. Sullivan. "There are lots of exciting things we can do for our students with this money."

The successful proposal was the result of many hours of work by the school librarian, Tara Humber, teacher Jennifer Woodford and Principal Sullivan. The students were also actively involved in the proposal process. To be considered for such a grant, elementary schools need to demonstrate that they are a high-needs institution and show a commitment to an environment where literacy is a main focus.

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