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## MCCU Donates Funds to Hughes Elementary Fifth Grade Classrooms

Marshall Community Credit Union recently donated over \$500.00 to Hughes Elementary School through their Mini-Grant program. Hughes 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, Emily Mead and Colleen Williams, submitted the application stating that the funds would be used to purchase mentor texts to use during their annual poetry unit.

“Mentor texts of any kind, including poetry, help students become better readers and writers. And the mentor texts that we purchased with MCCU’s grant money, will provide students with a way to learn more about poetry and become poets themselves,” said 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Colleen Williams.

“From what we were hearing, the only poetry that students were familiar with, were Shel Silversten books,” said Andrea Tucker, MCCU Financial Education Coordinator. “And although rhyming poetry is one method, the teachers wanted their students to have access to many other kinds of poetry books as well,” she continued.

“Getting materials such as mentor texts into students hands, is one of the most powerful tools we have at our disposal,” said 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Emily Mead. “And with the help of MCCU, we were able to purchase over 50 new books for our classrooms,” she continued.

MCCU’s mini-grant program is available for teachers, administrators and school staff at any of their partner schools (those that participate in the credit union’s CU In School program, an in-school, student run credit union branch). Participating schools include Mar Lee, Marshall High School, Marshall Middle School, Walters, Hughes and Gordon Elementary, as well as Wattles Park Elementary and Harper Creek Middle School. Mini-Grants can be used for items or services that participating schools do not normally purchase through funding resources. For more information regarding MCCU’s Mini-Grant program, or to receive an application, contact Andrea Tucker at [andrea.tucker@marshallcommunitycu.com](mailto:andrea.tucker@marshallcommunitycu.com) or 269.781.9885 x3144.

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*Fifth grade students in Ms. Mead and Ms. Williams class, show off some of their new poetry books.*