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Secretary Reagan presents grant award at Bagdad Public Library **Grant provides funds to enhance children's reading experience**

PHOENIX – On Tuesday, August 18, Arizona Secretary of State Michele Reagan will present Yavapai County Free Library District officials a grant for \$25,621 to be used to encourage children's reading success. The grant money was made possible through the Arizona State Library with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The presentation is 1 p.m. at the Bagdad Public Library.

"Libraries all over the state continue to be knowledge centers in the community by expanding their services to include new technology," said Secretary of State Michele Reagan, whose office oversees the Arizona State Library. "I am glad to present the Yavapai County Free Library District their grant to encourage literacy in children in the Town of Bagdad."

The program, "Read to Succeed-Prevent Reading Summer Slump" will provide updated materials, new digital tools and an inviting learning atmosphere in the children's section to encourage children to read. The new digital tools include an online library of talking picture books displayed on an electronic white board, called a SMART board. The children's section will have new, attractive nonfiction and popular fiction materials, comfortable furniture and colorful book displays. The new digital tools and specific literacy programs will go on the road to the elementary school as well.

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