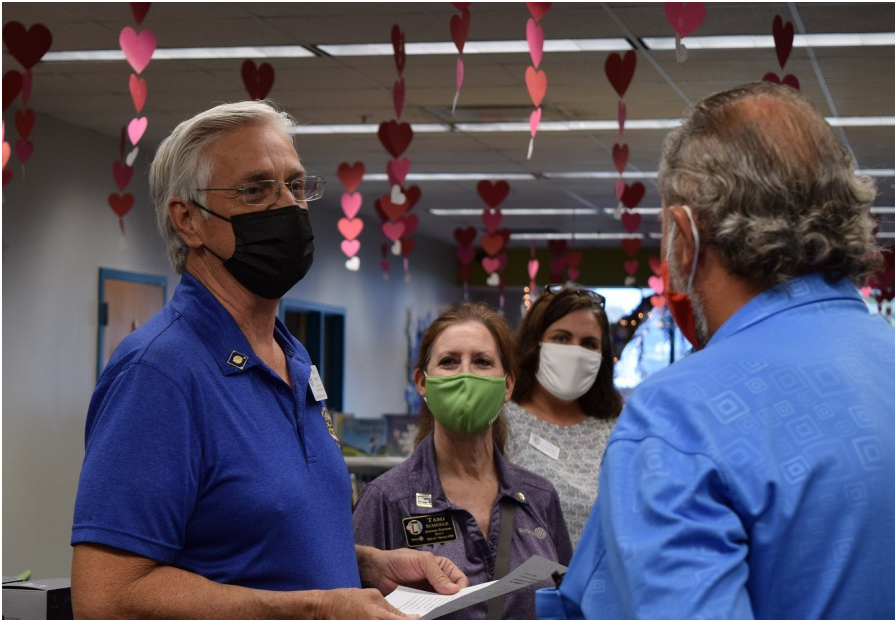


Front Row: Rotarian Assistant Governor Ed Hallock, Pinellas Park Club Secretary Janet Waddell, Pinellas Park Rotarian and Assistant District Governor Tami Scheele, Library Director Angela Pietras, Sr. Youth Librarian Tia Gurney, Hollins H.S. Interact Club Advisor Brenda Hankin, Back row: Pinellas Park Rotary Club President Tom Stewart, Rotarian friend, Bill Jackson, Rotary District Governor Jeanie Germain, City of Pinellas Park Mayor Sandra Bradbury, City Manager Doug Lewis, City Councilman Jerry Mullins, City Councilman Keith Sabiel, Sr., Public Works Administrator/ Acting Assistant City Manager Bart Diebold, City of Pinellas Park Human Resources Administrator/ Acting Assistant City Manager Lisa Hendrickson, and Leisure Service Administrator Keith Sabiel, Jr.

INTERACTIVE is an acronym:
I – young people will have their own **INTERPRETATION** about a book
N – belonging to a Book Club is **NETWORKING** with others
T – introduces kids to reading different **TEXTS**
E - reading different subjects will help to **EDUCATE**
R – a book club helps a child to **READ** well and often
A – kids can learn **ACCOUNTABILITY** when in a Book Club
C – a Book Club creates **CONVERSATION** & helps **COMPREHENSION**
T – reading makes you **THINK**
I – a Book Club helps to find a young person’s **INTERESTS**
V – reading will help an adolescent’s **VOCABULARY** to expand
E – finally, it’s **ENJOYABLE** to Read



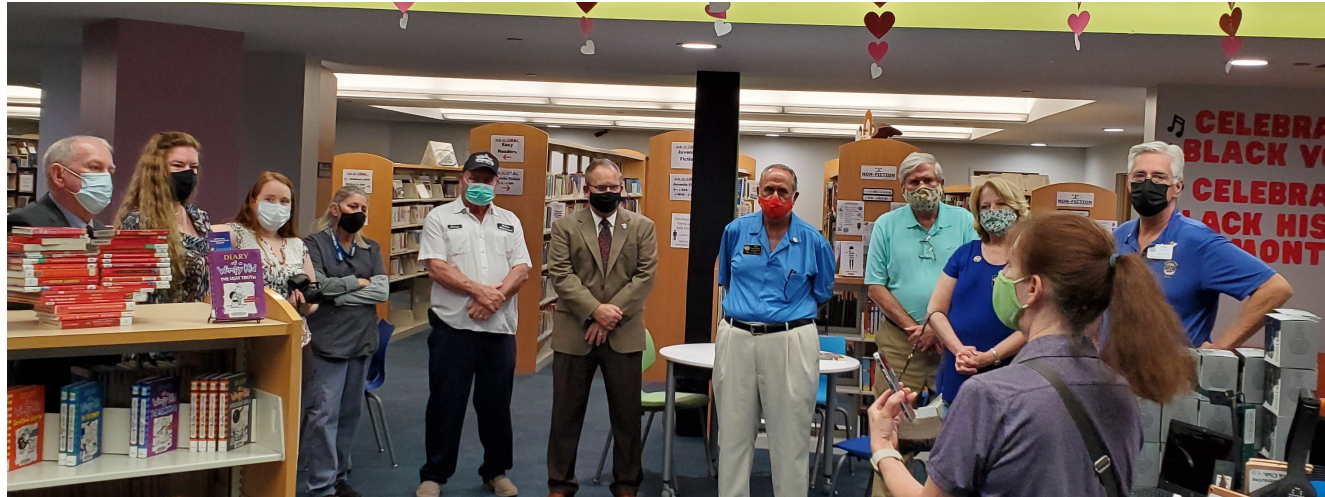
Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950
President Tom Stewart's
2020 - 2021 Grant Project



Pinellas Park President Tom Stewart and Rotarian Tami Scheele did an assessment last school year of two 4th grade classrooms at one of our sponsored elementary schools. It was determined that the majority of these students were not at the 4th or even 3rd grade reading levels. The Rotary Club of Pinellas Park's community consists of many families below the poverty level. We want to give every opportunity for elementary school age children & teenagers to read so that they can achieve success in life. Having **tablets with headphones** at the library will offer those who need to use the audiobooks and tablets access to thousands of digital eBooks through apps such as the Libby App & the 1-2-3- program, that are not available at the library

In a Dedication Ceremony on Thursday, February 11, 2021, our **Pinellas Park Rotary Club** donated \$10,100 worth of Instructional Technology to the **Barbara S. Ponce Pinellas Park Library** that includes: **2 - IPEVO White Board Systems, 4 Document Cameras, 2 Laptops, 25 Samsung Tablets, 20 Headphones 2 Projector Screens** and a **“Joey 30” Cart Charging Station** for the tablets.

President Tom Stewart's Grant Project: The Interactive Book Club & Technology For Literacy



The **Interactive Book Club** will help local students with their **spelling, reading & writing**. It will help them to find a genre that they will enjoy, teach them collaboration & accountability, expand their vocabulary & comprehension, and ultimately help them become proficient for their grade level. To help keep the school age children and teenagers interested and involved, some of the equipment will be used to virtually bring authors and other invited VIP's to the Book Club to interact with everyone. We all know that libraries have a variety of literature available, as well as being a safe zone, so it's a perfect place to help the kids! The **Barbara S. Ponce Public Library** has rooms available to hold meetings, classes, etc., and is one of the Summer Break locations where the kids can receive free meals while reading. To help promote the Interactive Book Club, we will attend some of the PTA meetings in surrounding elementary & middle schools and promote the program. The library has a huge social media following and will help promote the book club. There will be **Rotary Stickers, donated by Jim & Starlyn Fikkert (Great Bay Signs)** applied to all of the equipment that will read: **"This equipment has been donated to the Barbara S. Ponce Public Library by the Pinellas Park Rotary Club. Join the Interactive Book Club."**

Thanks to all who came in the day before to set up all of the equipment: **Library Volunteer Elijah Grieves, Senior Youth Librarian Tia Gurney, Pinellas Park Rotary President-Elect Chantel Wonder and Rotary supporter Mike Wittmann, Hollins High School Interact Club President Kynme Montgomery, Interact Club member Vo'Shawn Baker, and Pinellas Park Rotarian Tami Scheele.** (middle picture below)

