Roxanne Maher

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Hi Roxanne:
Here are the details for the Finance Committee agenda on April 3. As mentioned, I'd like to discuss three grant opportunities for the library.

Ledyard Rotary… $1000.00 Wonderbook collection Post marked by May 15
New London Kiwanis….$500.00 Tonies no deadline, just a form you fill out when you are ready to apply
Dollar General Literacy Grant…..$4,000.00 Wonderbooks and Tonies, April 25 deadline

Toniebox is a child-friendly audio system that allows kids to listen to music and stories using their own portable speaker called a Toniebox which is operated using colorful figures called Tonies. The library is the perfect place to have these systems as parents like to "try before they buy". I've had many discussion with patrons that would love the option of using a toniebox from the library. Parents are also interested in Tonies because it is a way for children to experience storytelling in a digital age that stimulates their imagination while being educational and fun but also, it is a screen-free experience.

Every **Wonderbook** is a print book with a ready-to-play audiobook inside. Kids will press play to read along with their favorite books and then switch to learning mode for literacy learning and fun. Wonderbooks are built for circulation.
https://playaway.com/wonderbook/

Both Toniebox and Wonderbooks would be fabulous and popular additions to our circulating library collection.

Let me know if you need anything else for the agenda.

Thanks Roxanne,
Jen

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