

The School Volunteer Association of Bridgeport, Inc. recently received a \$3,780 grant from the Pitney Bowes Foundation and the Pitney Bowes Bridgeport Community Investments Committee for its reading enrichment program. Over 500 people volunteer with this program to read books on an ongoing basis throughout the year to Bridgeport school children enrolled in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade classes. The grant is used to purchase the books that are read and then donated to build classroom libraries.

The children enjoy having adults from outside the school share books with them and tell stories about their lives. Volunteers enjoy interacting with the students and supporting their emerging literacy skills through the simple act of reading books aloud.