Project results

With this grant, the Literary Arts Partnership (LAP) and the University Writing Center (UWC) partnered with University High School (UHS) and Ivey Lane Elementary School (ILES). The grant funding allowed us to hire two Graduate Assistants who served as liaisons between the UCF entities and the public schools. These two Graduate Assistants (GAs) were trained at the UWC. We held a training session at UHS for the college student volunteers, and the Graduate Assistants trained additional UCF volunteers to work at ILES.

We opened a Writing is Power Center (WiPC) at both UHS and ILES. At ILES, we have been given the space of one full classroom. The GAs supplied the room with materials and worked with students. In addition, the GAs created records of school children who came to the WiPC.

From January 2008 – May 2008, we provided a total of 510 hours of service to the schools. At UHS, we provided the two GAs twice a week as well as 10 UCF undergraduates. At ILES, we provided the two GAs and 24 UCF undergraduates who tutored children. We also continued to run the creative writing workshops in both fourth grade classrooms. UCF students tutored/mentored more than 100 children and youth.

Additionally, we printed “Knight Writers,” an anthology with the writing done by the students at ILES. The grant allowed us to successfully establish WiPCs at two public schools, providing college students with the skills to serve as writing mentors and providing school children supplemental education in writing.
Outside funding applied for in relation to this project

We applied for the State Farm Youth Advisory Board Grant ($95,000), but were declined. However, we have already applied for a Staples Foundation Grant ($16,275), an NEA grant ($65,598), and the International Writing Center Association Research Grant ($750). Finally, we are completing an application for the Barbara Bush Family Literacy Grant. We are eager to move forward, to add additional sites to our project, and to continue to develop a cascade of writing mentors.

Budget report

Kelly Hould (Graduate Assistant): $2500.00
Jessica Ryan (Graduate Assistant): $2500.00
Supplies & incentives $358.15
Printing of anthologies: $3053.00
TOTAL $8411.15

Collateral material

Anthology sent separately.