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SUPPORTING FAMILY LITERACY THROUGH TAKE-HOME BOOK PACKS

As a Library Media Technology Specialist at a Title I school in Georgia, Lily Morgan wears many hats. In addition to managing the school library, she has spent several years supporting family engagement initiatives, work that has shaped how she approaches literacy beyond the school day.

When Morgan learned about the Take-Home Book Packs from Follett Content, she immediately saw an opportunity to extend literacy access beyond the classroom. She partnered with Follett Content to create curated book packs students could take home and keep at no cost to families.

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“One of the biggest challenges is that some students simply don’t have books at home,” Morgan explained. “Building an at-home library is so important.”

Working closely with her Follett Content representative, Morgan was able to customize the packs to meet her school’s needs. She selected high-interest, age-appropriate titles – including graphic novels, easy readers, and chapter books, ensuring the books were current, engaging, and appealing to students.

“Sometimes when we give books away, they’re older or not things kids actually want to read,” Morgan said. “These were brand-new books and titles they recognized and were excited about.”

Each Take-Home Book Pack included four to five books, along with a simple reading “road map” designed to help parents and caregivers support reading at home. The guide provided prompts and suggestions without feeling like extra homework, making it accessible for families at all literacy levels.

Morgan distributed approximately 300 Take-Home Book Packs during school family events, including a literacy night and a Thanksgiving family celebration. The response was immediate.

“They were all gone within the first day,” she shared. “Parents and students were surprised the books were free and that they got to keep the entire pack.”

For Morgan, the impact went beyond excitement. The packs supported a key goal in her district: rebuilding students’ interest in print reading at a time when many children gravitate toward screens.

“There’s a shift around fourth grade where students lose interest in physical books,” she noted. “Having books at home, books they actually want to read, helps bring that interest back.”

The success of the program has already led Morgan to plan another order, and she hopes to expand the offering to reach even more students.

“Everyone loved it,” Morgan said. “I didn’t have a single complaint. That’s a win.”

By combining curated, high-interest books with thoughtful family support materials, Take-Home Book Packs have become a practical, scalable way for Morgan’s school to support literacy at home – and to put books directly into students’ hands where they matter most.

ABOUT MORGAN:

This is Morgan’s tenth year in the school system, with seven years of experience in family engagement and five years as a Library Media and Technology Specialist. She’s passionate about fostering a love of reading in students and supporting families as partners in learning. Sharing stories is a simple yet powerful way for families to encourage literacy at home and in everyday life. Her love of reading began with childhood memories of public library story times and being read to by her family – experiences that continue to inspire her work today.

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