**From Texas to the World: Modern Literature for MYP Year 2 Language and Literature –
Project Reflection**

Thanks to the generous grant from TIBS, the Grisham Middle School Library was able to purchase a class set, each, of *Popular: Vintage Wisdom for the Modern Geek* by Maya VanWagenen and *Sure Signs of Crazy* by Karen Harrington. These titles were used to support inquiry learning in two of the MYP Year 2 Language and Literature units in 2015-2016. Additionally, the grant also provided funds to purchase Playaway audiobooks of these titles, making them accessible to both our struggling readers and English language learners.

This funding allowed us to offer modern literature options for two Language and Literature units this year. Because the literature circle titles are self-selected, these units support the inquiry process. It is our goal to continue to provide recently published titles alongside classics for literature circle activities so that students have the opportunity to explore a variety of time periods, topics, and authors; therefore, our collection of class sets is always evolving as we strive to offer a globally minded array of literature for our units. These funds help us keep our collections fresh and relevant for our students.

Through student reflections and the literature circle "bookmark" activity show that students found these titles to be funny and interesting. Based on these reflections, the students who chose these titles seemed engaged in their projects, though not necessarily more than those who selected other titles. This is not surprising considering students were given the opportunity to self-select their books for the study; however, providing a broader array of choices definitely made the project more authentic for all of the students.

Overall, this project was a success and allowed for a slight makeover of existing Language and Literature units. These titles will continue to be used as literature circle options in future MYP Year 2 classes and will also be available for general checkout through the Library.