A LOVE FOR LITERACY

Bethanie Pletcher, assistant professor of literacy education at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, knows the impact that early literacy experiences can have on a child’s life. With the assistance of a 2018 Literacy Grant from Phi Kappa Phi, Pletcher established a partnership between Texas A&M-Corpus Christi’s College of Education and Human Development and the John F. Kennedy Elementary School in Corpus Christi to help young learners struggling with literacy.

“The Response to Intervention (RTI) model is used to assess and monitor students who might otherwise fall through the cracks. The children who need supplemental reading instruction under the RTI model deserve high-quality books that contain bright photos and interesting stories and topics. Because of this grant, we are able to provide these materials,” Pletcher said.

“We are extremely grateful for this Literacy Grant from Phi Kappa Phi as purchasing books for our undergraduate student tutors and children to use during tutorial sessions is necessary for the successful continuation of our project.”