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Literacy Project Foundation honors Anaheim students

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Second graders Samuel Lee and Raymuno Tapia are shown here.

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The [Literacy Project Foundation](#) recently hosted a series of special ceremonies to congratulate the graduating classes of LPF's reading program.

This spring, from April to June, LPF serviced 330 struggling readers at no cost at 19 schools in Anaheim, 15 of which are a part of the [Anaheim Achieves after-school program](#).

Graduations are held at the culmination of each program to award the students for their improvements in reading skills levels and self-esteem as confident readers.

LPF Master Teacher Neil Carter held a special ceremony for his graduating class at [Sunkist Elementary School](#). Among those in attendance were members of LPF's support guild for young professionals Literacy In Vision (LIV).

LIV Vice President Jo Anne Modarelli, Amara Omoregie, and Britni Lopez showed their support and donated book bags filled with gifts for the students to encourage a continued interest in reading. Each book bag contained a dry erase game, a writing practice pad, a composition notebook, pencils, and a "reading star" super pen.

LIV raised funds for the graduation ceremony at its "LIV-OC: Landmark Steakhouse Social" held on June 13.

For the 39 elementary schools in the Anaheim School District, LPF raises funds to help struggling readers increase their phonics skills levels through LPF's 10-week reading program.

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Upon graduation, documented pre and post-testing results prove significant measureable growth in reading skills levels with third and fourth graders who were performing well below English proficiency standards.

In addition to receiving a certificate of completion and book bag, each student received a book donated by Disneyland Resorts and the Molina Foundation.

More than 2,500 books were donated for each participating child upon graduation from LPF's program.

The following Anaheim Achieves schools received Literacy Project Foundation's program: Abraham Lincoln, Adelaide Price, Alexander J. Stoddard, Clara Barton, Dr. Jonas E. Salk, James M. Guinn, John Marshall, Juliette Low, Loara, Mattie Lou Maxwell, Palm Lane, Sunkist, Theodore Roosevelt, Thomas A. Edison, Westmont. In-classroom instruction was also provided at Paul Revere and Savanna School District Elementary Schools: Holder, Cerritos, Twila Reid, and Gus Hansen.

The Literacy Project Foundation's mission is to enable at-risk and disadvantaged youth to increase their reading skill levels. The goal of the Foundation is to enable these children to become self-sufficient, productive and contributing members of our society. For more information, visit www.literacyprojectfoundation.org.