

## ALA MARSHALL CAVENDISH EXCELLENCE IN LIBRARY PROGRAMMING AWARD

**Description:** A school or public library which demonstrates excellence in library programming by providing programs which have community impact and respond to community needs.

**Eligibility:** School or Public Library

**Award Amount:** \$2,000 and a citation of achievement

**Requirements:** Eligible programs or particular interests for consideration include: support of educational programs, library programs for children and adults, reading and literature programs for children, library programs for young adults, programming for multi-ethnic groups, community outreach, literacy programs and programs and services for persons with disabilities.

**States:** All

**Application Deadlines:** Now until December 1, 2010

[http://www.ala.org/template.cfm?template=/CFApps/awards\\_info/award\\_detail\\_info.cfm&FilePublishTitle=Awards,%20Grants%20and%20Scholarships&uid=4807C44BAC89CBC5](http://www.ala.org/template.cfm?template=/CFApps/awards_info/award_detail_info.cfm&FilePublishTitle=Awards,%20Grants%20and%20Scholarships&uid=4807C44BAC89CBC5)

## BETTER WORLD BOOKS/NCFL LIBRARIES AND FAMILIES AWARD

**Description:** Through this opportunity, NCFL and Better World Books will reward and enhance existing family programming and expand literacy-building practices of families in library settings.

**Eligibility:** Local Friends of the Library group, Public Library or Urban Library

**Award Amount:** Three \$10,000 grants awarded each year. One winner will be chosen from each of the three following categories: local Friends of the Library programs, public/academic libraries and urban libraries. The winners also will receive scholarships to NCFL's 2011 National Conference on Family Literacy which will take place April 3-5, 2011 in Louisville, KY.

**Requirements:**

- Nominated program must be an existing family library program.
- Applications can be submitted online or emailed to [lavetisian@famlit.org](mailto:lavetisian@famlit.org).
- Applications must be submitted by program director or coordinator — someone who is familiar with the nominated program and the effects of the program on families and the community.
- If selected as a finalist, the program and/or program director or coordinator may be interviewed by phone during the final selection process.

**States:** All

**Application Deadlines:** Now until November 12, 2010

<http://www.famlit.org/BWB-library-award>

## BRINKER INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

**Description:** The objective of the Brinker International Foundation is to support programs and projects that are affiliated with Children/Family, Arts, Civic, and University-related educational programs.

**Eligible:** Public or Private Schools, Public Libraries.

**Award Amount:** Based on the project and the request.

**Requirements:** Brinker International's Charitable Committee must have the following information from organizations requesting donations. This information must be submitted on the organization's official letterhead. The exact amount requested and the specific purpose for the donation briefly summarized on 1-2 typewritten pages. The request should detail how the donations will be used. Information about your organization, including proof of 501(c)(3) status and sources of funding. Information, if any, concerning past or current involvement of Brinker International employees with the organization.

We may also come back and ask for the organization's current Board of Directors, including their business and civic affiliations, as well as the organization's recent financial statements. Requests that do not meet the requirements of the Brinker Charitable Committee will not be considered.

**States:** All

**Application Deadlines:** All requests for cash or in-kind donations are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

[http://www.brinker.com/contact/charitable\\_requests.asp](http://www.brinker.com/contact/charitable_requests.asp)

## **BUILD-A-BEAR WORKSHOP FOUNDATION**

**Description:** Programs or organizations that provide direct support for children and families in the areas of health and wellness, literacy or education.

**Eligibility:** United States requestors must be a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code, and “not a private foundation. Canadian requestors must be a registered Canadian charity.

**Award Amount:** Grants will be a one-time contribution and range from \$1,000 USD to \$10,000 USD. The average grant is \$1,500. Grant requests should be in line with an organization’s overall budget.

**Requirements:** Grant Types Funded:

Individual Project grants – These grants are generally for one-time purchases or to fulfill a short-term need, such as the purchase of books, materials or equipment.

Organization Program grants – start-up or operational costs for ongoing programs. Educational programs or financial assistance for children and families in need.

**States:** United States and Canada. Priority is given to organizations located near Build-A-Bear Workshop stores.

**Application Deadlines:** Grant requests will be accepted beginning March 2, 2010 and reviewed on a rolling basis throughout the year.

<http://www.buildabear.com/aboutus/community/grants/>

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## BWI/YALSA COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT GRANT

**Description:** To award \$1,000 for collection development to YALSA members who represent a public library and who work directly with young adults ages 12 to 18. Up to two grants will be awarded annually.

**Eligible:** YALSA Members

**Award Amount:** \$1,000

**Requirements:** All entries must include the [application form](#) provided by the Young Adult Library Services Association. All applicants must be current personal members of ALA/YALSA at the time of application. (Please note that it takes about 2 months to fully process your application for membership. If you are just joining, please make sure you send a copy of your membership application with the grant application.) Entries should be models of clarity and completeness. The Description Statement must be no more than 1,000 words, and double-spaced.

The application should be emailed to Nichole Gilbert at [ngilbert@ala.org](mailto:ngilbert@ala.org). Questions can be directed to Nichole at 1.800.545.2433 x 4387. Attachments must be named the applicants last name, underscore, the name of the grant. IE. Gilbert\_BWI. Applications must be received no later than December 1 of the current year. The Description Statement and the Application Form must be combined in one document.

**States:** All

**Application Deadlines:** Deadline December 1

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/awardsandgrants/bwi.cfm>

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## CARNEGIE-WHITNEY GRANT

**Description:** The Carnegie-Whitney Grant is based on a special fund established by Andrew Carnegie in 1902, “the income of which is to be applied to the preparation and publication of such reading lists, indexes and other bibliographical and library aids as will be especially useful in the circulating libraries of this country.” The Carnegie Fund was subsequently enhanced by a merger with a fund established by James Lyman Whitney in 1910. The Publishing Committee, a standing committee of the American Library Association, administers the grant.

**Eligible:** Individuals; local, regional or state libraries, associations or organizations, including units, affiliates and committees of the American Library Association, or programs of information and library studies/science. International applicants welcome.

**Award Amount:** Grants of up to \$5,000 are awarded annually. The number and the amount of the grants are at the discretion of the Publishing Committee and vary from year to year.

**Requirements:** The grants are intended to cover preparation costs appropriate to the development of a useful product, including the cost of research, compilation and production, exclusive of printing. The Carnegie-Whitney Grant provides grants for the preparation and publication, either in print and/or electronically, of popular or scholarly reading lists, webliographies, indexes and other guides to library resources that will be useful to users of all types of libraries in the United States.

**States:** All

**Application Deadlines:** Deadline for submission of the proposal is November 5, 2010.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/publishing/sundry/alapubawrds/carnegiewhitney.cfm>

## CHARLES LAFITTE FOUNDATION

**Description:** The Charles Lafitte Foundation is a private family foundation founded in 1999 by Suzanne and Jeffrey Citron. The mission of the Education Program is to encourage the attainment of knowledge and skills and the practice of responsible citizenship through access to effective learning opportunities. The Foundation provides support for innovative programs aimed at resolving social service issues, assisting students with learning disabilities, providing technology and computer based education, creating access to education of the arts, supporting at-risk children from pre-school to college and providing learning enhancement, including the development of leadership skills. The Education Program includes support for research and conferences as well as support for programs that promote academic excellence in institutions of higher learning.

**Eligible:** The Foundation funds organizations throughout the country, but is limited to supporting 501(c)-(3) institutions.

**Award Amount:** Based on the proposal.

**Requirements:** The Foundation has no deadlines or standard forms. We prefer concise, well-organized proposals. In no case should the body of the proposal exceed 10 double-spaced pages. The Foundation prefers proposals sent by email. A brief letter of inquiry, rather than a fully developed proposal, is an advisable first step for an applicant. The Foundation will contact you if we desire a full proposal. In addition to details about the applicant and the proposed project, information on the cost and duration of the work should be included. Overhead for these grants can be budgeted at no more than 15 percent of direct project costs. Please send all proposals via email to Jennifer Vertetis ([jennifer@charleslafitte.org](mailto:jennifer@charleslafitte.org))

**States:** All

**Application Deadlines:** Grant requests can be made at any time for support of activities related to Foundation program areas and interests.

<http://www.charleslafitte.org/applications.html>

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## CHARLIE ROBINSON AWARD

**Description:** The Charlie Robinson Award honors a public library director who, over a period of seven years, has been a risk taker, an innovator and/or a change agent in a public library. The recipient should have been active in national and other professional associations and be known for developing and implementing programs which are responsive to the need of community residents. The public library director will be honored at the ALA Annual Conference. The award was established in 1997.

**Eligible:** Public Library

**Award Amount:** The award consists of \$1,000 and a gift to the librarian.

**Requirements:** Only the materials submitted will be considered. They should represent a full portrait of your candidate's accomplishments. Specific examples of work are useful as is supporting documentation.

**Application Deadlines:** September 1, 2010 through December 1, 2010

<http://pla.org/ala/mgrps/divs/pla/plaawards/charlierobinsonaward/index.cfm>

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## CRUISE INDUSTRY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

**Description:** The Foundation encourages the creation and expansion of learning experiences and opportunities at the primary, secondary and higher education levels, particularly for minority and disadvantaged students. Areas of special interest to the Foundation include education and training programs to improve literacy, teach basic life skills, promote good citizenship and public service, and increase reading, math and science proficiencies.

**Eligible:** Potential grantees must be public charities within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). A current IRS letter determining Code Section 501(c)(3) public charity status must be attached to each grant application.

**Award Amount:** CICF limits grant donations to any single organization to a maximum of a three-year commitment, in an effort to support as many worthy organizations as possible.

**Requirements:** To apply for a Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation ("CICF" or "Foundation") grant, a formal grant application shall be submitted to the Foundation, which includes a basic description of the organization and its mission, the purpose of the grant and timetable for program implementation, the amount of funding requested, financial information including project budget and the organization's annual budget, and the expected program results. [Use Grant Application Form](#) to apply. Grant recipients may not use more than 10% of the grant for overhead costs or staff salaries; grants must be used for direct program cost or funding for specific programs or activities. Each grant recipient must submit a year-end report to the Foundation summarizing the project or program results and specifying how the grant monies were applied.

**States:** All, however, charitable requests from the communities where the industry does business are given priority consideration.

**Application Deadlines:** CICF grant applications should be submitted at the beginning of each calendar year or at the beginning of each quarter. Grant submissions will be reviewed on a quarterly basis for final selection. The full review process may take up to six months.

<http://www.cruisefoundation.org/requirements-and-guidelines.php>

## DOLLAR GENERAL ADULT LITERACY GRANTS

**Description:** The Dollar General Adult Literacy Grants award funding to non-profit organizations that provide direct service to adults in need of literacy assistance. Organizations must provide assistance in one of the following instructional areas:

Adult basic education

General education diploma preparation

English for speakers of other languages

**Eligible:** Nonprofit organizations

**States:** AL, AR, AZ, CO, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, NE, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WI, WV

**Application Deadlines:** January 2011

[http://www.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/adult\\_grants.aspx](http://www.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/adult_grants.aspx)

## DOLLAR GENERAL FAMILY LITERACY GRANTS

**Description:** The Dollar General Literacy Foundation Family Literacy Grants provide funding to family literacy service providers. The Foundation uses the federal government's definition of family literacy when reviewing grant applications. Organizations applying for funding must have the following four components:

- Adult Education Instruction
- Children's Education
- Parent and Child Together Time (PACT)
- Parenting Classes

**Eligible:** Nonprofit organizations

**States:** AL, AR, AZ, CO, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, NE, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WI, WV

**Application Deadlines:** January 2011

[http://www.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/family\\_literacy.aspx](http://www.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/family_literacy.aspx)

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## DREYER'S FOUNDATION

**Description:** Funding for a special event.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organization

**Award Amount:** Up to \$1,000, donation of ice cream and gift certificates

**Requirements:** To request a small grant, products, gift certificates and/or auction item donations, please send a one-page letter on organization stationery with the following information:

- Current tax exemption number
- Date of event
- Brief description of organization and purpose of event
- Specific item or product request
- For product donation, please state number of people to be served and specific product request (e.g., ice cream, yogurt, sherbet)
- Name, e-mail address and daytime telephone number of a contact person

**States:** All

**Application Deadlines:** All requests received by the 7th day of the month, by 5:00 p.m. end of business day, will be reviewed at the Foundation meeting on or about the 3rd Friday of the month. Following the meeting a letter will be mailed to you regarding the status of your proposal. Please allow two weeks after the meeting to be contacted regarding the status of your request.

<http://www.dreyersinc.com/dreyersfoundation/index.asp>

## EZRA JACK KEATS MINIGRANT

**Description:** Created by the children's book author and illustrator, the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation is accepting applications from public schools and libraries anywhere in the United States and its protectorates for program or event mini-grants.

**Eligibility:** Public schools and libraries anywhere in the United States and its protectorates.

**Award Amount:** \$500.00

**Requirements:** Funds will not be granted for general operating costs, administrative costs, transportation of the audience, purchase of books, tapes, software or equipment unrelated to a specific program described. The project must be COMPLETELY and EXCLUSIVELY funded by the EJK Mini grant, and that no other funds will be used for the program. Mail the completed application form to: Ezra Jack Keats Minigrant Program 450 14th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11215

**States:** All

**Application Deadlines:** Application is open through October. Awards will be announced in December.

[http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=103&Itemid=65](http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=103&Itemid=65)

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## GORDON M. CONABLE AWARD

**Description:** The recipient of the Gordon M. Conable Award has demonstrated a commitment to intellectual freedom and the Library Bill of Rights in various ways, including, but not limited to, the following: developed and promoted collections that include diverse points of view; provided programs that promote community dialog on controversial issues; created and nurtured an organizational climate that fosters an understanding of the Library Bill of Rights amongst the library staff, library board, and elected and appointed officials; initiated activities at the local, state, or national level that promote, support, or defend intellectual freedom, the Library Bill of Rights, or the First Amendment; guaranteed open access to library materials and services for children and young adults; guaranteed open access to electronic information; defended library materials, programs, or services when confronted with a censorship challenge.

**Eligible:** Public Library

**Award Amount:** The award consists of a \$1,500 check and a commemorative plaque.

**Requirements:** The Gordon M. Conable Award will honor a public library staff member, a library trustee, or a public library that has demonstrated a commitment to intellectual freedom and the Library Bill of Rights.

**States:** All

**Application Deadlines:** Sept. 1, 2010 through December 1, 2010.

<http://pla.org/ala/mgrps/divs/pla/plaawards/gordonmconableaward/index.cfm>

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## GREAT STORIES CLUB GRANT

**Description:** The American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office and the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) are now accepting applications for the next round of Great Stories CLUB grants. Funding was provided for this program by Oprah's Angel Network. The Great Stories CLUB (Connecting Libraries, Underserved teens and Books) is a book club program designed to reach underserved, troubled teen populations through books that are relevant to their lives. Potential organizations for Great Stories CLUB partnership include juvenile justice facilities, drug rehabilitation centers, nonprofits serving teen parents, alternative high schools, agencies serving teenaged foster children, shelters serving homeless and runaway youth and other agencies. For tips on creating a partnership, visit [www.ala.org/greatstories](http://www.ala.org/greatstories).

**Eligible:** All public, school, academic and special libraries. All types of libraries located within or working in partnership with facilities serving troubled teens in the United States and its territories are eligible to apply.

**Award Amount:** Small cash grants (\$100-\$200) will be awarded to up to 25 sites for the support of program-related expenses.

**Requirements:** Following the application process, 150 libraries will be selected to develop a book discussion program for troubled teens based on the three theme-related titles and will be given copies of the books to share with participants. Participating libraries will also receive access to an online toolkit to support the program, including sample discussion questions, recommended titles for further reading and other resources.

**States:** All

**Application Deadlines:** Electronic applications for the reading and discussion series will be accepted through Nov. 19.

<http://ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pr.cfm?id=4844>

## H.W. WILSON LIBRARY STAFF DEVELOPMENT GRANT

**Description:** A library organization whose application demonstrates greatest merit for a program of staff development designed to further the goals and objectives of the library organization. Further defined as "a program of learning activities that is developed by the library organization and develops the on-the-job staff capability and improves the abilities of personnel to contribute to the overall effectiveness of the library organization."

**Eligibility:** A library organization is defined as:

- individual library
- library system
- group of cooperating libraries

**Award Amount:** \$3,500

**States:** All

**Application Deadlines:** December 1st deadline.

[http://www.ala.org/template.cfm?template=/CFApps/awards\\_info/award\\_detail\\_info.cfm&FilePublishTitle=Awards,%20Grants%20and%20Scholarships&uid=3897605B70D78A2D](http://www.ala.org/template.cfm?template=/CFApps/awards_info/award_detail_info.cfm&FilePublishTitle=Awards,%20Grants%20and%20Scholarships&uid=3897605B70D78A2D)

## JENNY JONES COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

**Description:** Former Talk Show Host Jenny Jones Announces Continuation of Community Grant Program. Jenny's Heroes provides grants of up to \$25,000 each to fund projects that promise long-term community benefits. Through the 50 grant recipients so far, funds have provided library books, school computers, firefighting gear, nursing home upgrades, sports equipment, free dental services, wheelchairs, coats for children in domestic violence shelters, and a running track at a women's prison.

**Eligibility:** US Citizen – Community Member

**Award Amount:** Up to \$25,000

**States:** All

**Application Deadlines:** Year-round

[http://www.jennysheroes.com/application\\_form.shtml](http://www.jennysheroes.com/application_form.shtml)

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## KINDER MORGAN FOUNDATION

**Description:** Grants are primarily directed to educational programs for youth in grades K-12. Funding is provided to programs that provide ongoing support.

**Eligibility:** Local, state, and regional educational institutions and libraries

**Award Amount:** Award amounts range from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

**Requirements:** Programs must serve a community where Kinder Morgan has a significant presence or business interest. U.S. organizations must have Section 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

**States:** Colorado, Nebraska, and Wyoming

**Application Deadlines:** The deadline for submitting applications is the 10th of every other month beginning in January.

[http://lnshhq05w.hud.gov/NN/nn\\_news.nsf/7ead9131e5c7e3b1852569af006ab81c/0a170da49ac4d6ed852572580076dac5?OpenDocument](http://lnshhq05w.hud.gov/NN/nn_news.nsf/7ead9131e5c7e3b1852569af006ab81c/0a170da49ac4d6ed852572580076dac5?OpenDocument)

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## LAURA BUSH 21ST CENTURY LIBRARIAN PROGRAM

**Description:** This program supports projects to develop faculty and library leaders, to recruit and educate the next generation of librarians, to conduct research on the library profession, and to support early career research on any area of library and information science by tenure-track, untenured faculty in graduate schools of library and information science. It also supports projects to encourage careers in librarianship, to build institutional capacity in graduate schools of library and information science, and to assist in the professional development of librarians and library staff. All members of the library community are invited to play an active role in ensuring that the profession is prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century by recruiting a new generation of faculty and librarians, preparing library leaders, and strengthening graduate schools of library and information science.

**Eligible:** Public libraries, elementary and secondary school libraries, college and university libraries, research libraries and archives that are not an integral part of an institution of higher education and that make publicly available library services and materials that are suitable for scholarly research and not otherwise available, and private or special libraries deemed eligible to participate in this program by the state in which the library is located.

**Award Amount:** \$50,000–\$1,000,000

**Requirements:** Categories of funding include Doctoral Programs; Master's Programs; Research (including both research on and about the library profession and workforce, and Early Career Development); Pre-professional Programs, Programs to Build Institutional Capacity; Continuing Education; and Planning Grants.

**States:** located in one of the 50 states of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau;

**Application Deadlines:** Now through December 15, 2010

<http://www.ims.gov/applicants/grants/21centuryLibrarian.shtm>

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## LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE COMPETITION

**Description:** Young readers write to an author describing how that author's work somehow changed the reader's view of the world or himself/herself. Readers respond to the book they've read by exploring the personal relationship between themselves, the author and the book's characters or themes.

**Eligibility:** Letters About Literature welcomes entries from all readers — reluctant as well as enthusiastic — on three Levels of Competition. Entrants must be at least 9 years old and fall into one of the following categories:

Level 1 — Grades 4–6      Level 2 — Grades 7–8      Level 3 — Grades 9–12

**Award Amount:** National Winners will receive a \$500 Target Gift Card, plus each will win a \$10,000 LAL Reading Promotion Grant for their community or school library. National Honorable Mention Winners will each receive a \$100 Target Gift Card and a \$1,000 LAL Reading Promotion Grant.

**Requirements:** Print your name and complete return address (either home or school) in the upper right corner of the first page of your letter. Letters without a return address and adequate contact information will be disqualified. An entry coupon must accompany each letter (that can be found on the website). Staple the coupon to the last page of your letter. Should you win a state or a national prize, your State Center for the Book will contact you, so be sure your coupon is complete and legible!

**States:** All

**Application Deadlines:** Contest Starts 9/1/10 and ends 12/22/10

[http://www.lettersaboutliterature.org/how\\_to\\_enter](http://www.lettersaboutliterature.org/how_to_enter)

## NATIONAL LEADERSHIP GRANTS

**Description:** National Leadership Grants support projects that have the potential to elevate museum, archival, and library practice within the context of national strategic initiatives. The Institute seeks to advance the ability of museums, archives, and libraries to preserve culture, heritage, and knowledge, contribute to building technology infrastructures and information technology services, and provide 21st century knowledge and skills to current and future generations in support of a world-class workforce.

**Eligible:** Eligible libraries include public libraries, elementary and secondary school libraries, college and university libraries, research libraries and archives that are not an integral part of an institution of higher education and that make publicly available library services and materials that are suitable for scholarly research and not otherwise available, and private or special libraries that have been deemed eligible to participate in this program by the state in which the library is located.

**Award Amount:** \$50,000–\$1,000,000

**Requirements:** Successful proposals will have national impact and generate results—new tools, research, models, services, practices, or alliances—that can be widely adapted or replicated to extend the benefit of federal investment and that increase community access and participation.

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**States:** All

**Application Deadlines:** Now through February 1, 2011

<http://www.ims.gov/applicants/grants/nationalleadership.shtm>

## OFFICE DEPOT FOUNDATION

**Description:** The Foundation's funding focus includes:

Making a Difference in Children's Lives – to support activities that serve, teach and inspire children, youth and families.

Building Communities – to support civic organizations and activities that serve the needs of our community.

Disaster Relief – to support disaster relief efforts of recognized national, regional and local agencies, and to provide disaster relief to Office Depot associates who have experienced catastrophic loss.

**Eligible:** K-12 School, Public Library

**Award Amount:** \$50 to \$3,000. The majority of grants issued are in the vicinity of \$1,000 and are supported by in-kind donations when inventory allows.

**Requirements:** Schools will be asked to upload the following documents:

W-9 with proof of operation as a school

Itemized project budget

Non-SKU-specific product wish list

**States:** All

**Application Deadlines:** Year-round

<http://www.officedepotfoundation.org/funding.asp>

## PEPSI REFRESH GRANT

**Description:** We're looking for people, businesses, and nonprofits with ideas that will have a positive impact. Look around your community and think about how you want to change it.

**Eligibility:** Anyone

**Award Amount:** \$5,000, \$25,000, \$50,000 and \$250,000

**Requirements:** Pepsi is accepting 1000 ideas every month. The focus of the idea can be any of the following topics: Health, Arts and Culture, Food and Shelter, The Planet, Neighborhoods or Education.

**States:** All

**Application Deadlines:** Each month a new round of voting begins.

<http://www.refresheverything.com/index>

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## POLARIS INNOVATION IN TECHNOLOGY JOHN ILIFF AWARD

**Description:** The PLA Polaris Innovation in Technology John Iliff Award honors the life and accomplishments of John Iliff, early adopter and champion of technology in public libraries, and recognizes the contributions of a library worker, librarian, or library that has used technology and innovative thinking as a tool to improve services to public library users. The purpose is to encourage innovative user-oriented thinking and practical solutions using technologies old and new.

**Eligible:** Public Library

**Award Amount:** The award provides a \$1,000 honorarium, a plaque and a bouquet of roses for the workplace.

**Requirements:** This award will be presented to a library worker, librarian, or library that has used technology and innovative thinking to improve library services.

**States:** All

**Application Deadlines:** September 1, 2010 - December 1, 2010

<http://pla.org/ala/mgrps/divs/pla/plaawards/POLARIS/index.cfm>

## PRAXAIR FOUNDATION

**Description:** Praxair's "Library Links" program assists libraries in upgrading technology, acquiring new materials or initiating innovative programs.

**Eligibility:** Public Libraries

**Award Amount:** Dependent on the project

**Requirements:** All proposals should describe projects that serve the needs of the community at large. Special attention will be given to innovative programs that can be started and completed within one year of the award. Goals should be clearly defined and measurable. Organizations receiving \$25,000 or more are required to submit a report on the project being funded by Praxair no later than one year after the grant is made.

**States:** All, including Asia and South America

**Application Deadlines:** Year-round

<http://www.praxair.com/praxair.nsf/AllContent/1E607B9456292F1185256BF800779733?OpenDocument&URLMenuBranch=32A917EB318989E38525706D00104F6F>

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## ROMANCE WRITERS OF AMERICA LIBRARY GRANT

**Description:** The Romance Writers of America Library Grant offers a public library the opportunity to build or expand its romance fiction collection and/or host romance fiction programming. The grant consists of \$4,500 to be used toward the purchase of romance fiction, author honorariums and travel expenses, and other applicable program expenses.

**Eligibility:** Any size public library.

**Award Amount:** The grant will consist of a \$4,500 cash award from the Romance Writers of America.

**Requirements:** Library must demonstrate a plan or examples for use of the funds, such as hosting a system-wide training day on the romance genre, buying romance novels for the library collection, creating readers advisory materials on the genre and/or hosting romance fiction oriented programs. The library shows a desire to improve awareness of the romance genre in the library. Priority will be given to: Libraries with a financial need or in disaster recovery areas looking to rebuild their romance fiction collections.

**States:** All

**Application Deadlines:** Sept. 1 through Dec. 1, 2010

<http://pla.org/ala/mgrps/divs/pla/plaawards/romancewritersgrant/index.cfm>

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## SPARKS! IGNITION

**Description:** The Sparks! Ignition Grants for Libraries and Museums initiative is a new funding opportunity developed by IMLS to expand and test the boundaries of library, archive, and museum services and practices. It provides small, targeted investments in high-risk, innovative responses to the challenges and opportunities facing cultural heritage institutions in a rapidly changing information environment. Innovation is the key to using time, money, and staff more productively, and to helping cultural heritage institutions improve their services, processes, programs, and products. These grants will support the testing of specific innovations and foster broad sharing of information about what works and what does not. Because innovations can emerge in a variety of settings, the Sparks! Ignition Grants initiative is structured to encourage participation by organizations of all types and sizes. Partnerships are permitted, but not required.

**Eligibility:** Eligible libraries include public libraries, elementary and secondary school libraries,

**Award Amount:** Up to \$25,000

**Requirements:** Applicants may propose activities or approaches that involve risk, as long as the risk is balanced by significant potential for improvement in the ways institutions serve their communities. Examples that might be funded by this program include, but are not limited to:

- Exploring the potential of highly original, experimental collaborations.
- Testing inventive, new workflows or processes that may result in substantial cost savings.
- Creating useful, new ways to link separate software applications used in libraries, archives, or museums, research that involves the deployment, testing, and evaluation of a specific innovation.
- Innovative new types of services or new service options to library, archive, or museum visitors.

Grant funding for such activities may include all activities associated with planning, deploying, and evaluating the innovation, as long as the expense is allowable under federal and IMLS guidelines.

**States:** All 50 US states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau; and

**Application Deadlines:** November 15, 2010 deadline

<http://www.imls.gov/applicants/libraries.shtm>

## STATE FARM GOOD NEIGHBOR SERVICE-LEARNING GRANTS

**Description:** State Farm is proud to team up with Youth Service America to offer grants of up to \$1,000 for youth-led service-learning initiatives in Eligible programs will engage youth in service-learning, an effective teaching and learning strategy that promotes student learning, academic achievement, workplace readiness, and healthy communities.

**Eligible:** Eligible candidates include teachers, service-learning coordinators and students in a public school, or staff and youth in a community-based organization working with a public school.

**Award Amount:** \$1,000

**Requirements:** State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grants encourage semester-long projects (following YSA's [Semester of Service](#) framework) that launch on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service (January 17, 2011) and culminate on Global Youth Service Day (April 15-17, 2011).

**States:** All 50 states and the District of Columbia, and in the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Ontario, and New Brunswick.

**Application Deadlines:** Now until October 15, 2010

<http://www.ysa.org/goodneighbor>

## WISH YOU WELL FOUNDATION

**Description:** Requests should align with the Wish You Well Foundation's mission:

"Supporting family literacy in the United States by fostering and promoting the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs"

**Eligibility:** Requests must come from an Internal Revenue Service recognized 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization

**Award Amount:** Range from \$200 to \$10,000

**Requirements:** Single-page proposal that includes

- The organization's history, mission, and contact information
- The amount requested
- The program or event to be funded.
- Requests may also include supplemental information for consideration

**States:** All

**Application Deadlines:** Year-round. The Wish You Well Foundation board meets on average four times per year (specific dates determined by the availability of board members to attend). Upon receipt of the donation request form, organizations will be notified as to the specific meeting date when their request will be reviewed and voted upon by the Board.

<http://wishyouwellfoundation.org/apply/>

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## **YALSA/GREENWOOD PUBLISHING GROUP SERVICE TO YOUNG ADULTS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (NOT AWARDED AGAIN UNTIL 2011)**

**Description:** This grant of \$2,000 is funded by Greenwood Publishing Group and is given out every other year (applications are accepted during odd years only). The grant recognizes a member who has demonstrated unique and sustained devotion to young adult services through substantial work in any two or more of these initiatives:

The promotion of library services for young adults.

Conducting and publishing research for young adults.

Publication or presentation of knowledge or best practices relating to young adult literature or library services for young adults.

Advocating for young adult literature or library services for young adults.

Mentoring of other professionals in the field of young adult literature or library services.

Notable efforts in furthering the mission of YALSA .

**Eligible:** YALSA Members

**Award Amount:** \$2,000

**Requirements:** All entries must use the [application form](#) provided by the Young Adult Library Services Association. All persons being nominated must be current, personal members of ALA/ YALSA at the time the application is submitted to be eligible. The nominator does not need to be a member of ALA or YALSA. Entries should be models of clarity and completeness and no more than one typed page. Completed applications should be emailed to Nichole Gilbert at [ngilbert@ala.org](mailto:ngilbert@ala.org) with the name of the award in the subject line. Questions should be directed to Nichole at: 800/545-2433 x 4387. Applications are only accepted during odd years and must be received no later than December 1.

**States:** All

**Application Deadlines:** Deadline December 1

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/awardsandgrants/achievement.cfm>

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## YALSA'S MAE AWARD FOR BEST LITERATURE PROGRAM FOR TEENS

**Description:** The MAE Award honors a member of YALSA who has developed an outstanding reading or literature program for young adults. The award is made possible through the Margaret A. Edwards Trust.

**Eligible:** Public or Private School, Public Library

**Award Amount:** The award provides \$500 to the winner and an additional \$500 to the winner's library.

**Requirements:** All applicants must be current personal members of ALA/YALSA at the time the application is submitted. The purpose of the reading or literature program must be to bring young adults and books together and to encourage the development of life-long reading habits.

**States:** All

**Application Deadlines:** Now until December 1, 2010

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/awardsandgrants/mae.cfm>

## YALSA FRANCES HENNE

**Description:** The Frances Henne/YALSA/VOYA (Voice of Youth Advocates) Research Grant annually provides \$1,000 in seed money for small-scale projects that encourage research that responds to the YALSA Research Agenda, adopted by the YALSA Board in June 1995.

**Eligible:** YALSA Members

**Award Amount:** \$1,000

**Requirements:** Applicants must be personal members of YALSA, including student members, although the research project may be undertaken by an individual, an institution, or a group. The proposed research must be a response to the [vision](#), [mission](#), [goals](#), and [Research Agenda](#) of YALSA, and for the general area of library service to young adults. Winners are required to write a 500-word summary of their research project within one year of completion to be published in Young Adult Library Services, the official journal of YALSA. In addition, winners are encouraged to write a more substantial article for publication.

**States:** All

**Application Deadlines:** Deadline December 1

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/awardsandgrants/franceshenne.cfm>

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## GRANT WRITING RESOURCES

### **How to Write GRANTS: The Best Kept Secret in the School Business**

<http://thejournal.com/articles/2004/05/01/how-to-write-grants-the-best-kept-secret-in-the-school-business.aspx>

### **A Guide To Proposal Writing**

<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/1998/nsf9891/nsf9891.htm>

### **Grant Proposal Writing Tips**

<http://www.cpb.org/grants/grantwriting.html>

**A site devoted to providing free resources for both advanced grantwriting consultants and inexperienced nonprofit staff.**

<http://www.grantproposal.com/>

### **How To Improve Your Score When Submitting A Grant Proposal**

[http://www.uvm.edu/~ospuvvm/?Page=Proposal\\_Submission/DHememwayImproveScore.htm](http://www.uvm.edu/~ospuvvm/?Page=Proposal_Submission/DHememwayImproveScore.htm)

### **Getting Started Tutorial**

<http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/tutorials/shortcourse/components.html>

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