

Mini-Grant Proposal

Colorado Statewide Summer Reading Program

The Colorado State Library will award a limited number of Mini-Grants of \$200 each for public libraries to support and promote the Collaborative Summer Library Program statewide summer reading themes in their local communities. Applications may be made for either the Children's or Teen program, but not both from the same library. Priority will be given to libraries below 10,000 Legal Service Area population and libraries in non-metro locations. Per IMLS guidelines, the mini-grant money is best spent on books.

Outcomes

As part of a 10-state national study with the IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services) Summer Reading Task Force, the outcomes that we are looking for in Colorado are as follows.

Children/Teens will:

- Develop a habit of reading.
- Think that reading is fun.
- Think that the Summer Reading Program has helped them read better.

Outcomes Based Evaluation (OBE) focuses on:

- How has my program made a difference?
- How are the lives of the program participants better as a result of my program?

Eligibility Criteria and Application Evaluations

1. Library has submitted their Summer Reading Program Report. *
2. Library is registered for and will use the Statewide Summer Reading Program theme. *
3. Library has submitted their LSTA Mini-Grant Report (for Mini-Grant recipients only). *
4. Library identifies planning for the Summer Reading Program which incorporates the OBE statement.
5. Library plans to offer each of the following:
 - Library outreach to daycare, recreational, and/or community programs
 - School visits or connections in April/May to promote summer program, and follow-up in August/September
 - Partnerships established in the community (individual or business partners/sponsors)
 - Library provides some examples of community visibility
6. Library confirms that they:
 - Meet the Definition of a Public Library in Colorado
 - Will commit to a local funding match of at least \$50
 - Will use the mini-grant money to purchase books related to the statewide summer reading theme
 - Will use the mini-grant money during that year's summer reading program, and will return any unused funds to the Colorado State Library by September 1.
 - Will submit an LSTA Mini-Grant report evaluating the outputs and outcomes from their summer reading program by September 30.

* Registration and report links can be found at www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/SummerReading. If you are unsure whether your library has completed the appropriate reports and registrations, contact Michelle Gebhart, 303-866-6894, gebhart_m@cde.state.co.us.

Applications must be submitted by January 31.
www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/SummerReading/minigrants.htm

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