

## EARLY LITERACY PROJECT PROPOSAL

(Don't fill out this section if you are only doing a summer reading project.)

1. Please check the box in front of at least one outcome your library plans to achieve with your early literacy Ready to Read Grant project.

- Parents and caregivers will increase the amount of time they read, talk, sing, write, and play with their young children.
- Young children will increase their print motivation, vocabulary, print awareness, narrative skills, letter knowledge, phonological awareness, and writing/drawing skills.
- Preschoolers will increase their letter knowledge, phonological awareness, writing letters, drawing pictures recognizable to others, and ability to independently complete tasks (such as crafts!) involving two or more steps so they are ready for kindergarten.
- More families with young children will access early literacy services and participate in early literacy programs together as a family.
- Childcare providers, Head Start teachers, Healthy Start home visitors, and other community partners will increase their partnerships with the library to coordinate early literacy service delivery community-wide.
- More high risk children will access early literacy materials, resources, services, and programs. (High risk children are minorities, English language learners, immigrants, children with special needs, children in poverty, and children in families dealing with abuse, neglect, substance abuse, and other traumatic situations.)
- Families with high risk children will increase meaningful engagement around library early literacy services. (i.e. libraries will update materials, services, and programs so they are culturally appropriate and relevant to high risk children and their families.)
- Libraries will improve collection of early literacy-related data and increase use of the data for continuous improvement of library materials, resources, services, and programs to achieve outcomes.

2. Describe the early literacy activities your library plans to implement to achieve these outcomes. (Only describe activities funded in part or in whole by your Ready to Read Grant.)

We will use Ready to Read grant funds to continue our support and enhancement of the library's Pre-School StoryTime program, which promotes early literacy and reading readiness. We will select appropriate materials, promote book familiarity and raise awareness of parents/caregivers of the principles of early literacy and word recognition. Part of the funds will be used to select & purchase bilingual Spanish/English picture books to assist the few Hispanic families in the community to build skills in both languages.

3. Do these activities include conducting training for parents, childcare providers, or preschool teachers in a research-based early literacy curriculum such as *Every Child Ready to Read* or Baby Signs classes?

Yes  
 No

4. Do these activities include bringing library services, resources, or programs out of the library to young children, parents, child care providers, or other groups to other locations?

Yes *We do not have sufficient staffing to support*  
 No *This activity.*

5. How will you evaluate whether or not these activities achieve your desired outcome(s)?

*Achievement will be measured by comparison of attendance numbers from first and last Story Times. A short survey of parents/caregivers will be distributed near the end of the program series.*

6. If you are partnering with any daycares, schools, businesses, or other organizations to make this project happen, list them here.

*Friends of the Banks Public Library  
Family Service Center  
Local Daycare Providers*

7. If you are providing programs in and/or out of the library, how many people *total* do you expect will attend these programs? (No need to verify age, just use your best judgment.)

250 Youth ages 0-14

150 Adults ages 15 and older

8. Do you anticipate this will be an ongoing project?

Yes  
 No

9. If yes, and the project is successful, how will you continue to fund this project?

Local funds  
 Other grant funds  
 Ready to Read funds

**EARLY LITERACY PROJECT BUDGET**

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	List things necessary for implementing your Ready to Read Grant Project	Amount of <u>Ready to Read</u> funds used to pay for this	Amount of <u>Library Budget</u> used to pay for this	Amount of <u>other sources</u> used to pay for this	<u>TOTAL</u>
Library Staff	Staffs time to select and prepare materials Volunteer time to process for circulation	-	361.76	100.00	461.76
Materials for Circulating Collection	Picture Books & beginning readers that emphasize early literacy principles	1,000.00	877.50	-	1,877.50
Equipment, Furniture, and/or Fixtures	-	-	-	-	-
Contracted Programs	Story teller, weekly, September through June	-	-	2,200.00	2,200.00
Incentives	Printing	-	100.00	-	100.00
Other	Publicity	-	-	240.00	240.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		* 1,000.00	* 1,339.26	* 2,540.00	* 4,879.26