

# New York State Library

## Gates Foundation Staying Connected - Phase Two Grant Program

### Application Guidelines

The New York State Library has been awarded \$294,000 in matching “Staying Connected” Grant program funds on behalf of the state’s public library systems and public libraries.

As part of the several activities that are part of this project, \$252,756 will be awarded to New York State’s 23 public library systems for the purpose of enhancing and expanding technology training for public library staff members who assist with public-access computing. Those who apply and receive funding must match 50 percent (in the form of services, materials and staff time) of the amount received and implement the training component of the grant proposal within the grant period.

**Library systems awarded funds must complete a technology training needs assessment by December 31, 2006 and submit such assessment to the New York State Library no later than January 31, 2007.**

**A project target goal is to train a minimum of one person from each member library building.**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRANT TOTAL</u>	<u>IN-KIND SUPPORT 50% SYSTEM</u>
Brooklyn Public Library	\$13,317	\$6,659
Buffalo and Erie County Public Library	\$11,885	\$5,943
Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System	\$9,558	\$4,779
Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System	\$8,126	\$4,063
Finger Lakes Library System	\$8,305	\$4,153
Four County Library System	\$11,348	\$5,674
Mid-Hudson Library System	\$14,928	\$7,464
Mid-York Library System	\$10,990	\$5,495
Mohawk Valley Library Association	\$6,873	\$3,437
Monroe County Library System	\$8,842	\$4,421
Nassau Library System	\$14,391	\$7,196
The New York Public Library - The Branch Libraries	\$14,928	\$7,464
Nioga Library System	\$6,873	\$3,437
North Country Library System	\$14,928	\$7,464
Onondaga County Public Library	\$7,768	\$3,884
Pioneer Library System	\$10,274	\$5,137
The Queens Borough Public Library	\$13,854	\$6,927
Ramapo Catskill Library System	\$12,422	\$6,211
Southern Adirondack Library System	\$8,842	\$4,421
Southern Tier Library System	\$10,632	\$5,316
Suffolk Cooperative Library System	\$13,854	\$6,927
Upper Hudson Library System	\$9,021	\$4,511
Westchester Library System	\$10,811	\$5,406
<b>Total Grants to Systems</b>	<b>\$252,770</b>	<b>\$126,385</b>

Applications must be received in Library Development by April 24, 2006.

An interim report will be due on January 31, 2007 and a final project report is due on July 31, 2007.

**Eligible Activities:**

**Training Options:**

- Continue the phase-two “Train the Trainer”/”Train the Library Staff” curriculum used during the Gates U.S. Library Training Program grant
- Extend the “Train the Library Staff” phase to reach those who did not receive training under the earlier grant
- Provide an opportunity for both system and member library staff to participate in Outcome-Based Evaluation training workshops to be sponsored by the State Library in 2006

**Suggested activities for achieving above training options:**

- Develop online library technology training modules to be shared through a statewide training site
- Purchase of training aids, such as tools needed for training presentations
- Provide training incentives to reduce the hardship for trainers and workshop participants, such as mileage reimbursement and an hourly rate or per diem for a substitute staff member during absences for training
- Pay for outside training expertise and for miscellaneous expenses such as workbooks, facility rental fees
- Advertising costs for training sessions
- Additional meeting supplies for training sessions that are a full-day in length
- Systems may pool funds to offer different skill level training sessions