

State Education Department Grants Available to Help New York's Libraries Improve Access to Information



Each year, public, academic and special libraries and library systems obtain grants from the New York State Library that help them achieve goals important to serving their customers. The New York State Library's Division of Library Development has prepared this information sheet to let more libraries know about these programs.

CONSERVATION/PRESERVATION GRANTS

As part of the statewide program for conservation and preservation of endangered research library materials, the State Library provides competitive grants to libraries, archives, historical societies and similar agencies for projects to preserve important, deteriorating library research materials.

The grants, of up to \$40,000, support projects for the protection, care and treatment of library materials valuable to New York State, preventing loss of their informational or intellectual content and/or the objects themselves through such activities as evaluating condition of collection and making a preservation plan; environmental control; disaster prevention, preparedness and recovery; preparation of library materials for storage; cleaning, repairing, maintaining collection materials; screening items for preservation; reformatting to microform, tape or photocopying; cleaning, deacidification; and staff training and patron awareness programs.

The grants operate on a one-year cycle, with the current cycle running July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013.

Funds available: Education Law provides \$500,000 for each year. Actual amount available for grants depends on the appropriation by the New York State Legislature

Application Deadline for 2013-2014 Projects: February 8, 2013

Prior Years' Projects: <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/cp>

For More Information: Barbara Lilley, Conservation/Preservation Grants Program Officer, (518) 474-7890, preservation@mail.nysed.gov, or visit <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/cp>

PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANTS

Through the Public Library Construction Grants Program, public libraries across the state are provided with up to 75% of the approved costs of acquiring, constructing, renovating, or rehabilitating public library buildings. Awards have assisted public libraries to become A.D.A. compliant, install "green" technologies such as solar panels and geothermal heating systems, as well as expanding current buildings with new children and teen areas, computer training labs and community meeting spaces.

Funds Available: \$14 million in capital funds included in the 2012-2013 State Budget

Tentative Application Deadline for 2012-2015 Projects: October 10, 2012

Prior Years' Projects: http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/construct/14m_pls.htm

For More Information: Mary Linda Todd, Public Library Construction Grants Program Officer, (518) 486-4858 or mtodd@mail.nysed.gov, or visit <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/construct>

LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT GRANTS

The Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grants Program in New York State is based on the four major goals of the LSTA Five-Year Plan (FY2012-2017), as approved by the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

This 2012-17 Five-Year Plan consists of four major goals:

1. All New Yorkers will have improved access to library resources that advance and enhance their personal, educational and working lives.
2. The New York State Library, library systems and libraries will deliver new and improved library programs that anticipate and meet New Yorkers' constantly changing needs for library services.
3. New Yorkers of all ages will perceive libraries as community learning spaces offering high-quality lifelong learning, literacy, and knowledge creation opportunities that enhance civic engagement and economic vitality.
4. All New Yorkers will benefit from statewide programs and services of the New York State Library that effectively leverage private and public funding through collaboration and partnerships and maximize value in order to achieve goals one, two and three.

Each of these four goals is closely linked to recommendations issued in 2012 by the New York State Regents Advisory Council on Libraries.

The LSTA Grants Program is currently funding a one-year Invitational Grant Program focused on assisting library systems to help their member libraries improve library services for their customers and to implement the New York State Library's 2012-2017 Five-Year Plan.

Funds Available: Grant allotment is \$800,000 for the period April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013.

Prior Years' Projects: <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/lsta>

For more information: Contact Linda Todd, LSTA Coordinator, at (518) 486-4858 or via [e-mail](#), or visit the [Library Services and Technology Act \(LSTA\) Grant Program](#) page.

Information about additional grant opportunities can be found in the State Register <http://www.dos.ny.gov/info/register.htm>. All New York State agencies awarding grants of State or Federal funds are required to publish a Notice of Availability of Funds in the State Register, which is published weekly and sent to all village, town, city and county clerks in the State. Libraries may subscribe for \$40 annually. Checks should be made payable to the Department of State and sent to: Department of State, Office of Public Affairs, Information Services, 162 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12231.



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