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.

ADULT LITERACY LIBRARY SERVICES GRANTS

Public libraries play a critical role in the development and provision of community literacy services. Some libraries are direct providers of literacy services; others work in partnership with agencies such as Literacy Volunteers (Literacy New York), BOCES and other community organizations. Most New York State public libraries provide literacy and GED (General Equivalency Diploma) collections and computers to support adult learners. The goals of New York State's Adult Literacy Library Services grants are to increase adult literacy on the job and in the home, encourage libraries to become community literacy leaders, and strengthen cooperation among local literacy providers.

The grants operate on a two-year cycle, with the current cycle running July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011.

Funds Available: Education Law provides $200,000 for each year. Actual amount available for grants depend on the appropriation by the New York State Legislature.

2009-2011 Projects: Awards for 2009-2011 projects are currently under review. Announcements will be made as soon as all regulatory approvals allow.

For More Information: Cassandra Artale, Adult Literacy Grants Program Officer, (518) 474-1479, <cartale@**mail.nysed.gov>**, or visit the website at http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/literacy/index.html .

CONSERVATION/PRESERVATION GRANTS

As part of the statewide program for conservation and preservation of endangered research library materials, the State Library provides 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.

Funds available: In 2009, the Legislature and Executive appropriated $451,815.

Deadline: December 4, 2009.

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

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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 (FY2008-2012), as approved by the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The LSTA goals are closely linked to the recommendations issued in 2000 by the New York State Regents Commission on Library Services. The four goals are:

1. All New Yorkers will have reliable, electronic access to high-quality information resources through the expansion of NOVELNY and through enhancement of libraries' technology capabilities to meet users' information needs.
2. All New Yorkers will have improved access to library resources and services that advance and enhance their personal, educational and working lives.
3. The New York State Library, library systems and libraries will deliver new and improved programs that anticipate and meet New Yorkers' constantly changing needs for library services.
4. The New York State Library, library systems, libraries and library organizations will strengthen public policy support for upgrading library services for every New Yorker through improved communication, collaboration and partnership efforts within and beyond the library community.

The LSTA Grants Program currently supports projects in the areas of Access/Electronic Content, Technology Training, Services to Special Client Populations, Services to Families and Youth, and Service Improvement.

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FAMILY LITERACY LIBRARY SERVICES GRANTS

Through the Family Literacy Library Services Grants Program, public libraries have access to resources to help children learn to use the library as an integral part of their education. The projects involve parents in their student's education from an early age and their parents or caregivers often make successful programs. For the 2009-2011 cycle, all projects focus on early literacy for children, ages birth to five, and their families. Preschool, after-school, weekend and summer learning programs utilize museums, public television, historical societies, environmental centers, other libraries and additional cultural resources. The Education Commissioner may establish a theme for all applications. If a theme is established, all announcement materials will include this information.

The grants operate on a two-year cycle, with the current cycle running July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011.

Funds Available: Education Law provides $300,000 for each year. Actual amount available for grants depend on the appropriation by the New York State Legislature.

2009-2011 Projects: Awards for 2009-2011 projects are currently under review. Announcements will be made as soon as all regulatory approvals allow.

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Information about additional grant opportunities can be found in the State Register <www.dos.state.ny.us/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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