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## Ready to Read Grant Application 2009-2010

The purpose of the Ready to Read Grant program is to “establish, develop or improve public library early literacy services for children from birth to five years of age and to provide the statewide summer reading program for children from birth to 14 years of age.” Any legally established public library in Oregon is eligible to apply for this grant. Attached is the “Proposed Ready to Read Grants for 2009-2010” showing the grants that will be made for 2009-2010 grant cycle, assuming all eligible libraries apply for a grant. As the table indicates, a total of \$720,101 is available. The Oregon Legislative Assembly reduced Ready to Read funding by 5.48% from the 2007-2009 funding level.

### GUIDELINES

1. All projects must adhere to the intent of the Ready to Read Grant which is to “establish, develop or improve public library early literacy services for children from birth to five years of age and to provide the statewide summer reading program for children from birth to 14 years of age.” (ORS 357.750).
2. We encourage you to develop a project that relates to the mission and activities of your library, and will benefit your community.
3. Grant funds may not be used to replace funds already appropriated by local governments.
4. Applications must be postmarked by **August 31, 2009**. Late applications will not be accepted. Faxed applications will not be accepted.
5. A final report on your library’s grant project is required and will be due at the Oregon State Library December 1, 2010.

**PROPOSAL**

Library Name:

Library Director:

Library Director's Email:

Library Director's Phone Number:

Key Contact for Ready to Read Project:

Key Contact's Email:

Key Contact's Phone Number:

Project Time Period:

**EARLY LITERACY PROJECT**

(Don't fill out this section if you are only doing a Summer Reading Program project.)

Describe your early literacy project for children 0-5 years old, their parents, and/or their childcare providers?

List the things from your early literacy project that you will pay for with the Ready to Read Grant? (For example, "picture books for the collection, storytime books, theme kits, staff time")

List milestone activities and dates when they will be completed. This list can be used to track the progress of your early literacy project.  
(For example, "Will present 5 baby sign classes by 6/1/2010" or "Will purchase 12 new audio books for kids 3-5 yrs old by 4/30/2010")

How will you evaluate the success of your project?  
(For example, "Effectiveness will be evaluated by attendance at the each baby sign class" or "Effectiveness will be evaluated through staff observation of circulation of new audio books and usage of the audio book listening station.")

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

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

- Youth ages 0-14
- Adults ages 15 and older

Do you anticipate this will be an ongoing project?

- Yes
- No

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

(Check all that apply.)

- Local funds
- Other grant funds
- Ready to Read funds

### **STATEWIDE SUMMER READING PROGRAM PROJECT**

(Don't fill out this section if you are only doing an early literacy project.)

FYI: The 2010 theme is *water* and the children's slogan is "Make a Splash—READ!" and the teen slogan is "Make Waves @ your library".

Describe your statewide Summer Reading Program project you are proposing for 0-14 year olds.

List the things from your Summer Reading Program that you will pay for with the Ready to Read Grant? (For example: "giveaway books, performers, printing of promotional material, staff time, SRP theme books for the collection, titles from teachers' summer reading lists for the collection")

List milestone activities and dates when they will be completed. This list can be used to track the progress of your Summer Reading Program.

(For example, "Will present book talks to promote the summer reading program at 5 local schools by 6/1/2009" or "Will purchase all available titles the library doesn't already own that are on local teachers' summer reading lists for summer reading program by 4/30/2009.")

How will you evaluate the success of your project?

(For example, "Effectiveness will be evaluated by the number of students from the 5 schools who sign up for the summer reading program" or "Effectiveness will be evaluated by ability to obtain summer reading lists from teachers, number of books purchased, and through staff observation of circulation of these titles.")

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

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)

Youth ages 0-14  
 Adults ages 15 and older

Do you anticipate this will be an ongoing project?

Yes  
 No

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

(Check all that apply.)

Local funds  
 Other grant funds  
 Ready to Read funds

**BEST PRACTICES**

Which of the following activities does your Ready to Read project(s) provide?  
(Check all that apply.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Training for parents, childcare providers, or preschool teachers in a research-based early literacy curriculum such as *Every Child Ready to Read*, *Motheread*, *Language is the Key*, *Baby Signs* classes, etc. (For example: your library may present one *Every Child Ready to Read* workshop for parents, library staff trained in a research-based early literacy curriculum may visit a teen parent class and present a 15 minute early literacy lesson adapting the curriculum to meet the unique needs of the audience, or your library may contract with a certified *Baby Signs* instructor.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Outreach to children, teens, parents, childcare providers, and teacher to provide early literacy services or the summer reading program. (For example: giving a presentation or booktalk at a school to promote the summer reading program, doing storytime at a preschool, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ The statewide Summer Reading Program: You are using the statewide program if you are using the statewide theme and slogan. In 2010 the theme is *water* and the children’s slogan is “Make a Splash—READ!” and the teen slogan is “Make Waves @ your library”.

**BUDGET**

	<b>Ready to Read Grant</b>	<b>Funding from Library Budget</b>	<b>Other Sources</b> (Friends, Foundation, grants, business)	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Library Staff</b> Regular and substitute staff—not performers, authors, or speakers.				
<b>Library Materials</b> Materials (books, subscriptions, software, AV, puppets) that will be added to your collection.				
<b>Equipment</b> Computer hardware, furniture, other electronic equipment.				
<b>Contracted Programs</b> Performers, storytellers, authors, and other programs not presented by library staff.				
<b>Incentives</b> Give away items such as books, pencils, bags, toys, etc.				
<b>Other</b> Please describe.				
<b>TOTAL</b>				

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- August 31, 2009      Date proposals must be postmarked and sent to the State Library.
- October 2009        Revised Ready to Read Grants for 2009-2010 mailed to libraries.
- October 2009        Deadline for libraries to appeal the proposed grant awards.
- December 2009      Grant awards mailed to libraries.
- December 1, 2010    Date final report must be postmarked and sent to the State Library.

**CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL**

(If your proposal does not meet these criteria, the Youth Services Consultant will work with you to develop a proposal that will meet these criteria.)

1. Proposal demonstrates how the project will “establish, develop or improve public library early literacy services for children from birth to five years of age and to provide the statewide summer reading program for children from birth to 14 years of age.”
2. Proposal demonstrates that the project is a real benefit to the community.
3. Plan includes measurable activities that include numbers and/or dates.
4. Proposal includes plan for evaluating the effectiveness of the project.

**CERTIFICATION OF READY TO READ GRANT APPLICATION**

To the best of our knowledge and belief, the information in this application is true and correct. We certify that, when the grant is awarded, the Ready to Read Grant will be used to supplement the library's budget from local sources and will be used to “establish, develop or improve public library early literacy services for children from birth to five years of age and to provide the statewide summer reading program for children from birth to 14 years of age.” (ORS 357.750).

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Name of Library Director

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Signature

Date

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Name of local government official authorized to apply for grants

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Title

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