



## GRANT SOURCES FOR LIBRARIES

*With the following list of grant sources, the Cooperative aims at providing member libraries with the beginning research in finding sources for library projects, materials, and programs. The list should serve public and school libraries especially well. The work on the webliography began with a list of "Private Grantmakers That Have Funded Reading in K-12," a resource list in "Grant Proposal: Development Guide" by Marilyn Korhonen (Houghton-Mifflin, 2002). That extensive list was searched to identify grant funders who would support New Jersey libraries. Materials found in Internet searches supplemented those original sources. The following is a beginning list; we plan to update and expand this list to offer more resources in the area of library funding.*

### **GRANT WEBLIOGRAPHY**

#### **American Library Association (ALA) Awards, Scholarships, and Grants**

<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=awards>

An inclusive and extensive listing of all ALA awards, grants, and scholarships for many types of libraries.

#### **American Association of School Librarians Funding Opportunities**

<http://www.archieve.ala.org/aasl/resources/funding.html>

This is also a very extensive list of funding opportunities specifically for school libraries.

#### **Education World**

<http://www.education-world.com/grants>

Education World recently launched the grants Center, a site where educators can find original articles, reviews, and other resources to locate funding and financial aid sources needed to bring technology to their schools.

#### **eSchool News Online Funding Center**

<http://www.eschoolnews.com/resources/funding>

News, tools and the latest grants listings to help capture a share of \$30 billion in school technology funding.

#### **Funding Center at eSchool News Online**

<http://www.eschoolnews.com/funding>

Funding Center at eSchool News Online is free to all school technology professionals and it's a way to get the inside track on the latest tech funding opportunities. Areas include school technology grant opportunities, recent grant awards, equipment donations, a funding directory, and a funding bulletin.

#### **Grants for Nonprofits: Libraries**

<http://lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/2lib.htm>

A very extensive list of web pages and books of potential interest to nonprofit organizations seeking funding opportunities related to libraries, including school, public, and academic. Compiled by Michigan State University.



### **International Reading Association, Grant Opportunities**

<http://www.rif.org/coordinators/resources/grants/default.msp>

This site lists eight major grants devoted to different aspects of literacy including the RIF and Coca Cola Ingenuity grants; U.S. Dept. of Education grants and contracts; and grants from the International Reading Association

### **100 Free Money Sources for Libraries**

<http://www.lesko.com/libraries/>

Compiled by Matthew Lesko.

### **School Grants**

<http://12.47.197.196/schoolgrants/>

This web site was created as a way to share grant information with Pre-K – 12 educators. Lists a variety of opportunities available to elementary and secondary schools and districts across the United States.

### **Technology & Learning**

<http://www.techlearning.com/grants.html>

Technology and Learning magazine's web site contains a searchable data-base of regularly updated grant, scholarship, professional development and other funding opportunities for both educators and students. The site may contain entries that have come out too late for a given deadline of the printed edition of the magazine. Check on an on-going basis.

### **Grants for Libraries Hotline**

<http://www.quinlan.com/pdfs/ind-glb-2004.pdf>

The website of a journal that has the latest grant news, plus vital tools and resources to help capitalize on funding opportunities.

## **A SELECTION OF INDIVIDUAL GRANT FUNDERS**

### **American Library Association (ALA) Great Books Giveaway**

[http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/YALSA/Awards\\_and\\_Grants/YAISAs\\_Great\\_Book\\_Giveaway\\_Competition.html](http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/YALSA/Awards_and_Grants/YAISAs_Great_Book_Giveaway_Competition.html)

The Great Books giveaway is sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of ALA. YALSA will award the winner 1200 newly published books, videos, CDs and audio cassettes targeted toward young adults.\

### **American Library Association (ALA), LeRoy Merritt Humanitarian Award**

<http://ala.org/ala/ourassociation/othergroups/merrittfund/merritthumanitarian.htm>

This grant is for the support, maintenance, medical care, and welfare of librarians who face discrimination on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, race, color, creed, age, or place of origin, or who are threatened with loss of employment due to a stand for intellectual freedom.



### **American Library Association (ALA) We the People Bookshelf on Freedom Grants**

<http://www.ala.org/wethepeople>

This is a joint project of the ALA and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Each organization is accepting applications for the We The People Bookshelf on Freedom grants. Part of the NEH's "We the People" initiative, the annual grant project will award sets of 15 classic books for young readers to 1,000 libraries across the country.

### **Comcast Foundation**

<http://www.comcast.com/InTheCommunity/foundation/foundation.html>

The Comcast Foundation distributes grants to non-profit organizations in Comcast communities nationwide. The foundation primarily funds programs that create significant and measurable results in the areas of literacy and reading, volunteerism, and youth leadership

### **Electronic Data Systems**

[http://www.eds.com/community\\_affairs/com\\_tech\\_grants\\_02.shtml](http://www.eds.com/community_affairs/com_tech_grants_02.shtml)

Electronic Data Systems awards up to \$1500 to individual teachers to pay for technology products, training and services not provided to the teacher by the school or the school district. The grants cover a wide range of hardware and software as well as technical training.

### **Institute of Museum and Library Services**

<http://www.ims.gov/grants/index.htm>

An independent federal agency, the Institute of Museum and Library Services supports all types of museums, from art and history to science and zoos, and all types of libraries and archives, from public and academic to research and school.

### **Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries School Library Grants**

<http://www.laurabushfoundation.org>

The foundation gives grants to help provide needed funds for book purchases in libraries across the country. The average grant is \$5000.

### **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**

<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/Libraries>

This U.S. Library Program makes grants to public libraries for the purpose of purchasing computers and hardware to bring Internet access to their patrons. As part of the grant, libraries also receive free training and technical assistance, and other support as well as donated software from the Microsoft Corporation.

### **Ezra Jack Keats Foundation Mini-Grants to Libraries**

<http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/programs/minigrants.htm>

The foundation offers mini-grants of \$350 to school and public libraries for programs that encourage literacy and creativity in children. Programs do not have to relate to Ezra Jack Keats.



### **First Book**

<http://www.firstbook.org>

First Books distributes new books to children who, for economic reasons, have little or no access to books, through the activities of the First Book Local Advisory Boards (LABs). LAB members are individuals who can best identify the strengths and needs of their community and provide an ongoing supply of new books to low-income children in community-based programs.

### **Lisa Libraries**

<http://www.lisalibraries.org/frames.html>

Lisa Libraries donates new children's books and small libraries to organizations that work with children in poor and underserved areas.

### **MetLife Foundation Reading America Program RFP**

[http:// www.lff.org/news/MetLife.html](http://www.lff.org/news/MetLife.html)

This foundation supports Libraries for the Future which sponsors grants for national book and film discussion series for teenagers and families, including immigrant Americans that will take place in public libraries.

### **National Leadership Grants for Library-Museum Collaborations**

<http://www.smalbin@imls.gov>

This program supports three finding categories for libraries, three for museums, and one for joint library-museum partnerships. The joint category, Library-Museum Collaboration, supports innovative projects that model how museums and libraries can work together to expand their services to the public, with emphasis on serving the community, using technology, or enhancing education.

### **National Endowment for the Humanities, Grants for Stabilizing Humanities Collections**

<http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/NEH/OPUB/NEH-GRANTS-020204-003/Grants.html>

Provides grants for stabilizing humanities collections to help museums, libraries, archives, and historical organizations preserve their humanities collections through support for improved housing and storage, environmental conditions, security, lighting and fire protection.

### **Prudential Foundation**

<http://www.prudential.com/community/foundation.cmfzz1000.html>

The foundation supports strategies to improve literacy programs that address professional development for teachers, family literacy programs or literacy in the early years.

### **Reading is Fundamental; Ingenuity Grants**

[http://www.rif.org/about/partners/ingenuity\\_grants.mspx](http://www.rif.org/about/partners/ingenuity_grants.mspx)

Partnered with Coca Cola, Reading is Fundamental funds competitive grants to support creative literacy programs developed and implemented at the local level. Three areas are the focus of the grants – out of school learning time, challenges facing migrant workers, and second language learners.



### **Scholastic Book Grants**

<http://www.scholastic.com/aboutscholastic/community/programs/bookgrants.htm>

Through Scholastic Books Grants, an in-kind giving initiative, the company seeks to provide books and other reading materials to nonprofit organizations that serve children and families in need. Several organizations receive large-scale grants of 100,000 or more books. Scholastic will also disburse smaller book grants and offer in-kind donations as well. The company does not grant requests for individual schools.

### **Starbucks Foundation Literacy Grants**

<http://starbucks.com/aboutus/foundation.asp>

The Starbucks Foundation, the funding arm of the coffee café franchise, recently revamped its giving program to focus on literacy projects for children from birth through 21 years of age in communities where its stores are located. Mini-grants of \$1,000 each are made to local-level projects in which the store's employees are involved. Opportunity Grants of up to \$10,000 each are made to larger local projects that involve Starbucks' resources, stores, employees, or customers.

### **Thomson Gale Giant Step Award**

[http://www.gale.com/schools/giant\\_award.htm](http://www.gale.com/schools/giant_award.htm)

These grants recognize innovative work that has been shown to have a significant impact on children. Thomson Gale gives out \$10,000 in grants and prizes.

### **3M Company Salute to Schools**

<http://charitychannel.com/publish/templates/?a=2671&z=0>

3M will provide up to two 3M detection Systems for entrance/exit of the school's library media center and a supply of Tattle-Tape Security Strips for marking print material -- a package with an average value of \$15,000.

### **Verizon Foundation**

<http://www.verizonreads.net>

Verizon Reads is dedicated to the fight for a more literate American. The company invests in and partners with organizations that focus on literacy and education initiatives, technology, work force development programs, and domestic violence solutions. Basic and computer literacy is one of Verizon Foundation's major funding priorities due to its enormous impact on education. Verizon has a wide variety of programs and a network of collaborative literacy partners to reach illiterate adults and children across the country.

### **U.S. Dept. of Education, Improving Literacy through School Libraries**

<http://www.ed.gov./programs/lsl/index.html>

This grant works on providing materials and instruction to help strengthen school libraries as a way to strengthen literacy for children. Only local education agencies in which at least 20% of students served are from families with incomes below the poverty line are eligible to apply.