

Arkansas Reading Association

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International Reading Association

LITERACY PROJECT GRANTS

The Arkansas Reading Association will sponsor a literacy grant to assist your council in promoting reading and/or developing literacy in your community. Councils may apply for grants up to \$300 to be used on a literacy project. Councils are encouraged to assess the needs of their membership and community as they propose a project. The ARA Board will assist in making application, planning and/or coordinating events, if needed.

TIME LINE

- Applications will be accepted August 1 through February 15.
- Funds can be used after February 1, but must be utilized before June 1.
- Proposals should be mailed to the ARA President.

AGREEMENT

- Councils must agree to complete the project within the time line outlined in the proposal.
- Councils must complete a written summary and financial accounting for the project by June 15.
- Councils must agree to share the project with other councils.

SUGGESTED PROJECTS

Reading Tutors: Select a “target” group of people to train and place as reading tutors within your council area. This group may be parents, college students, church members, civic club members, or interested citizens. Funds could be used for training, tutoring books and materials, student books, refreshments for meetings or pamphlets to support your training.

Author Visit: Work with other local councils, professional organizations or school districts (share funds, resources, manpower) to bring an author or educator to the area for a school visit, council meeting, or special event.

Teachers as Readers Group: Organize a reading group within your council area. Funds can be used for professional books, refreshments, advertising, etc. IRA/ARA has a video tape and pamphlets about how organize a TAR group and suggestions for its continued success. ARA will assist as needed.

Community Advocacy Project: Sponsor a 5K “Run for Literacy” within your council area. Proceeds could support literacy causes within your council realm. This would be an excellent way to kick off Celebrate Literacy Month in April.

Ideas are unlimited! Please be thorough in your summary on the application form. Call upon ARA Board members to help as you plan and execute your project.

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LOCAL COUNCIL LITERACY GRANT APPLICATION

Council Name _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____ Phone _____

_____ E-mail _____

Title of Project _____

Project Summary:

Proposed Budget:

Amount Requested: _____

One grant per council per year may be awarded from August 1 through February 1. Proposals and/or questions should be addressed to ARA President.

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LOCAL COUNCIL LITERACY GRANT EVALUATION

1. Name of Council: _____
2. Project Title: _____
3. Summary of Project:

4. How many local council members were involved in the project and how were they involved?

5. List the strengths/benefits of this project.

6. How was the ARA Literacy Grant money used? If your local council added funds to this project, tell how much and how those funds were used.

7. If Literacy grant funds were made available again, how do you think they would be best spent in your council area?

Send completed form postmarked by February 1 to the ARA President.