**New Hampshire State Library Learning Grant Program 2021**

The New Hampshire State Library is making grants available in amounts up to $500 to eligible libraries for projects in the areas of Summer Learning. Applications must be made by March 26, 2021. Grants must be executed between June 1 and August 31, 2021.

**Background**

Children and teens who do not have access to quality learning opportunities during the summer months are at risk for losing reading and math skills acquired during the school year. Low-income youth are particularly at risk for summer learning loss, as they not only lose access to learning opportunities in a safe, supportive environment, but also lose access to healthy meals and physical education. Public libraries strive to stem this summer learning loss through equitable and accessible programming and services implemented through the annual Summer Reading Program.

 **Grant Opportunity**

The Summer Learning grant is open to libraries looking to increase their impact on summer learning loss for youth ages 5-18. Projects should relate to summer learning beyond tracking reading accomplishments and address the disparities faced by low-income and underserved youth in the community.

Projects could include, but are not limited to:

• Program series that address a community need or build on a community learning initiative

• Programming developed and implemented in partnership with a community organization or school

• Encourage youth to engage in the arts such as music, dance, theater, visual arts, crafts, photography and creative writing.

• Activities and programs that support Transforming Teen Services, computational thinking and or connected learning

• Multigenerational programming that engages caregivers in a child’s learning or that pairs older adults as mentors to youth

• Purchasing tech tools and resources for programming and circulation

• Purchasing or assembling kits on a variety of topics for circulation

• Healthy activities that complement a summer meals program

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**Eligibility**

* Has submitted the Public Library Statistics Report for 2020 by the deadline.
* The program is part of the library’s summer reading program.
* The library is using the 2021 CSLP summer reading theme of “Tails and Tales”.
* **All programs must be accessible to persons with disabilities**, and sign language interpretation and other accommodations must be made if requested by a community member.
* Program is completed by August 31, 2021.
* Only one application per library.

Priority will be given to:

* Libraries with limited resources for programming.

**I can verify that this space is accessible to persons with disabilities** Yes       No

**I can verify that my library is using the 2021 CSLP summer reading theme “Tails and Tales”** Yes      No

How many children participated in your 2020 summer reading program?

What is your budget for the summer reading program?

Please indicate the source of the funding: library budgeted monies; Friends group; other (please describe)

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**Application Instructions and Process**

Applicants for SummerLearning Grants up to $500 must complete and submit all sections of the Summer Learning Grant Application. Projects must be completed by August 31, 2021. Final reports are due by September 24, 2021.

**PART A - Applicant Data (please type or print legibly)**

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Library Name

Contact PersonTitle

Mailing Address

Town/City                     Zip

E-mail Address

**2: Project Overview**

Provide a brief description of the project – what will be accomplished and for whom. (Maximum length: 50 words)

**3: Project Purpose**

(Needs Statement). Describe how the project will address this need or challenge, and how the targeted audience will benefit.

**4: Project Design**

Describe the project’s design, including the goal, the activities planned to achieve the goal, when activities will happen, and what resources will be needed to execute those activities. Consider what materials and resources, including staff (both in-house or contracted educators), will be needed to execute the project successfully. Include a timeline for the project.

**5: Evaluation Plan**

Describe how the project’s success will be measured. List the anticipated project outputs (what will be counted) and project outcomes (the changes and/or enhancements that result from the project). Consider the aspects of the project that will be evaluated and how that will be done, e.g., pre-and post-tests of target audiences, surveys, tangible outputs such as products, use or attendance. Clearly state how it will be determined if the project met the need or challenge outlined in the Needs Statement and how it affected the target audience

**6: Project Budget**

List and briefly describe what will be purchased with grant funds (materials, services, etc.) and the estimated cost of those items. Base estimates on preliminary investigations of cost.

Budget items should only include expenditures that will be made after the grant has been awarded and the library or consortium has entered into a Summer Learning Grant Agreement with NHSL. The project and all project expenditures must be completed by August 31, 2021. Any expenditures made prior to the execution of the Summer Learning Grant Agreement or after August 31 are not eligible expenses.

 **Expenses that qualify for grant support:**

 **TOTAL Project Expenses** ………………………………..

 **Grant amount requested** $

 (Up to $500 but may not exceed total expenses)

# IMPORTANT

**Please be sure that your application is complete.**

**Questions? For information about the grants process and/or the application form, please contact Deborah Dutcher at 271-2865 or Deborah.L.Dutcher@dncr.nh.gov.**