

NYS Family Literacy Library Services Grant Programⁱ 2016-2019

Project

The NYS Family Literacy Library Services Program helps library systems work with libraries and other partners with the goal to significantly improve the quality of public library early learning services. The project theme is “Ready to Read at New York Libraries through Public Library Systems”, with the purpose of increasing the number of public libraries statewide who have the expertise and resources to assist families with young children in developing the early literacy skills needed to succeed in the school years ahead.

\$14,000ⁱⁱ will be allocated to MHLS each year for 3 years for this initiative to improve library services which will improve parents’ and caregivers’ ability to develop crucial early literacy skills in their children.

Funds will be used for:

- providing training for member library staff in all five componentsⁱⁱⁱ of the *Ready to Read at New York: Early Childhood Public Library Staff Development Program*.
- a capacity building development project for a cohort^{iv} of member libraries in the areas most in need^v, resulting in a replicable program that creates mentors in the MHLS region.

Budget

- Code 40 – Purchased Services: \$7,000
- Code 45 – Supplies/Materials: \$5,000
- Code 46 – Travel Expenses: \$2,000

ⁱ Note: The NYS Family Literacy Library Services Program no longer funds “Summer Reading at New York Libraries through Public Library Systems.”

ⁱⁱ This is the amount allocated by formula, but will be lower based on the actual appropriation provided in the annual State budget.

ⁱⁱⁱ Early Literacy Community Asset Analysis | Strengthening Young Families through Early Literacy Practices | Strategies for Successful Partnerships and Outreach to Families with Young Children | Early Learning Spaces | Everyone Serves Families with Young Children

^{iv} Libraries will commit to completing the full training program plus additional meetings; developing a community asset analysis; developing and implementing an early literacy action plan for their community; developing local partnerships with childhood organizations; and implementing early literacy related services in their library.

^v Following the definition in the State Aid for Public Library Construction Program board document, a library would need to fall within one of the following three definitions to be given preference:

- 1) a political subdivision within which **15 percent** or more of the population is living in poverty as shown on the latest federal census.
- 2) a public school district within which the percentage of student enrollment that is eligible for free and reduced lunch under the national school lunch program is **40 percent** or more for at least one month during the twelve months prior to the date of filing of the grant application.
- 3) a political subdivision as described in #1 within which **10 percent** or more of the population is living in poverty and a public school district as described in #2 within which the percentage of student enrollment that is eligible for free and reduced lunch under the national school lunch program is **30 percent** or more.