

NYS Adult Literacy Library Services Grant Program 2019-2022

Project:

The NYS Adult Literacy Library Services Grant Program helps library systems work with libraries and other partners to develop and expand adult literacy programs which will enhance workforce development services in public libraries. The project theme is “Workforce Development at New York Libraries through Public Library Systems”. The purpose of the project is to increase participation of adults in library literacy programs, which will improve their career and educational opportunities.

\$9,000 will be allocated to MHLS each year for 3 years for this initiative to help libraries offer services that will improve adult literacy on the job and in the home.

Funds will be sub-granted to member libraries through an annual application process. These libraries will have:

- New or existing partnerships with local public schools, colleges or other organizations that are operating adult literacy programs, which is designed to initiate, enhance or extend services to adults to increase their literacy skills
- A related infrastructure component (such as a public computing center in the library; a literacy office in the library; the library is in a designated Literacy Zone).

Preference will be given to libraries forming partnerships with new organizations, as well as to libraries that meet the MHLS economically disadvantaged community definition.

Budget:

- Code 40 – Purchased Services: \$9,000 will be divided among up to 9 eligible member libraries each year for 3 years.

NYS Family Literacy Library Services Grant Program 2019-2022

Project:

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

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

Funds will be used for:

- Providing training for member library staff in all five components of the *Ready to Read at New York: Early Childhood Public Library Staff Development Program*.
- Creating a capacity building development project for a cohort of member libraries in the areas most in need.

Budget:

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