

MHLS EDI Mini-Grant \$1,000 (Total \$22,300)

Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS) member libraries interested in advancing equity and inclusion work to improve library services for their communities were invited to apply for the MHLS Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Mini Grant. This grant is in support of MHLS' commitment to ensuring library services are equitable, respect the diversity of our communities, and are inclusive. For definitions of equity, diversity and inclusion please view the [ODLOS glossary](#). Member libraries that received the MHLS Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Mini Grant had to demonstrate how their proposed project invested in and supported the work of promoting and advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion in their library and the impact on their community.

Library	Project
Cairo Public Library	Six-week writing program for veterans. offer a space that is safe and inclusive for veterans of all ages and backgrounds (as well as different writing-skill levels) to come together and have an outlet to express emotions and thoughts, or just to have fun. A long term goal of this program is to create a veteran writing group that will continue to meet and share ideas with the new writing skills they acquired in the initial six week program.
Catskill Public Library	Currently there are only a few Spanish language books for children available in the library. A new collection will help children in families where Spanish is spoken at home to retain that language even as they learn English at school. Parents who struggle with English will have books to read with their children. And those who speak primarily English will be exposed to another language and culture.
Clinton Community Library	Enhance our cultural programming and diversify our collection to increase awareness of other cultures in our community. Specifically Hispanic and Latinx community members.

<p>Elting Memorial Library</p>	<p>The project is a series of classes called Coming Together: Black History is American History. This ten-part beginner-friendly workshop series for adults (18+) on Black History & American History, Race & Race Relations is taking place, free & open to community members interested in learning about history as well as identifying and understanding today's issues and imagining our future together. The teacher, Albert Cook, is an experienced and well-known Black History and AP History teacher at New Paltz HS.</p>
<p>Grinnell Library</p>	<p>There is a need for the library to connect with the Hispanic population of Wappinger. To do this Grinnell Public Library will use the funds provided for translated program flyers, library programs and library resources. The goal of this program is to connect the Hispanic community with the library and other community partners to provide a welcoming inclusive environment for everyone in Wappinger.</p>
<p>Heermance Memorial Library</p>	<p>Our library will add new resources for our patrons and community members, to our collection that will address a variety of topics we find lacking in our present collection. These topics include Dementia, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Attention Deficit Disorder/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, and Mental Health (including anxiety disorders and depression). Resources we propose to add include both adult and children's books regarding these listed topics and non-book resources such as games, support tools and activities, and sensory items.</p>

<p>Highland Public Library</p>	<p>Organize cultural events that provided immersive opportunities to learn about Native American Culture, Dance and Folklore through the Red Hawk Native American Arts Council. Additionally, members from the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project present the art of creating a beautiful traditional lotus flower lantern using colored paper and wire frames. They also presented about the lotus and the lantern festival, followed by a short documentary on Korea.</p>
<p>Hudson Area Association Library</p>	<p>Grow our Spanish-language materials collections for young readers, offer a bilingual (English/Spanish) book giveaway at Hudson’s third annual Latinx Fest, and host the library’s first-ever Spanish-language group site tour with related art-making activities.</p>
<p>LaGrange Association Library</p>	<p>Continue and build our established partnership that fosters creative expression, cognitive engagement, and social interaction. The high demand for this program series has prompted The Arc of Greater Hudson Valley to rotate groups every 3-4 months, ensuring that everyone in their organization has an opportunity to participate in our craft programs.</p>
<p>Marlboro Free Library</p>	<p>This project consists of two storytelling events that deliver positive representation of the minority communities residing within the Marlboro Free Library’s service district. The project aims to provide quality engagement and learning while creating an inclusive space to develop cultural competency and acceptance. Programs Tellin’ Tales: Ananci, Rabbit, Raven, and Other Tricksters and Fiesta Global both feature rich, cultural, and professional storytelling. April Armstrong is</p>

	<p>an award-winning storyteller that brings global sounds and stories to children of all ages. Armstrong’s program: Tellin’ Tales: Ananci, Rabbit, Raven, and Other Tricksters features folklore from Africa, the Caribbean, and African American traditions. Flor Bromley is a bilingual singer/songwriter, actor, storyteller, and puppeteer whose mission is to share the Latin-American experience. Bromley’s program Fiesta Global is a multicultural musical celebration of song, dance, and stories.</p>
Millbrook Library	<p>The library will work with facilitators from the Center for Anti-Violence Education to offer “Upstander 101: Allyship is an Action” Training for library staff and local adults and teens who want to learn interpersonal tools to more safely intervene in violence against others.</p>
NE Millerton Library	<p>Enlarge our E, J and YA book selections, particularly in the areas of diversity and inclusivity as a way of demonstrating to the larger community that our library is an inclusive environment.</p>
Olive Free Library	<p>Support the development and implementation of community engagement programs that celebrated cultural diversity and facilitated dialogue on important issues. These programs included a Native American drumming circle and a bark basket-making workshop and a display of Native American authors.</p>
Pawling Free Library	<p>This project will expand our collection of Spanish materials for adults and children to be used in a pop-up library at a regular bilingual story time.</p>
Philmont Public Library	<p>Purchased books to increase the inclusivity of peoples that were under-represented in</p>

	<p>general and that also reflected our community in our children's collection. Purchase books that were historically banned or challenged and/or new books that fit the themes that would be future banned or challenged books such as books on consent and bodies, authors and LGBT families.</p>
Phoenicia Library	<p>Purchase items not yet in the shared Overdrive catalogue, representing many forms of diversity (gender, race and sexuality, for example).</p>
Plattekill Library	<p>Held a bilingual storytime event. International Latino book award winning author Adriana Devers read from her book My Little One in Full Moon – Mi Chiquitica en Luna Llena. Ms Devers also played multicultural music and performed traditional dances.</p>
Poughkeepsie Public Library District	<p>The Poughkeepsie Public Library District (PPLD) plans on purchasing 6 sets of telephone hardware in order to facilitate the use of Language Link (www.language.link), a remote interpretation service, to allow library staff at all three of our library locations to assist patrons in their native languages. These headsets allow for three-party calls so the remote translator, patron, and library staff can all participate in the call simultaneously.</p>
Reed Memorial Library	<p>Purchase and implement electronic language translators to improve interaction with users whose first language is not English.</p>
Rosendale Library	<p>The heart of this project was staff training in autism spectrum disorders. Learning from the point of view of the autistic individual helped us to develop strategies to meet individuals on the spectrum in all age groups. We focused a lot on children because we</p>

	have three weekly children's programs and some of the children who participate are on the spectrum. We invested in wobble seats that help children to sit and stay focused, allowing them to wobble and be stimulated by the seat. We also invested in a sensory mat floor puzzle that children can walk on and touch.
Saugerties Public Library	Library programs which focused on environmental subjects, we decided to focus on the subject of Black farming and environmentalism. We chose three books written by Black authors on the subject of sustainability, the history of Black farmers in America, and intentional communities for a group read, which would culminate in a library program with local representatives of Black farming and environmentalism.
Woodstock Library	Purchase a wide assortment of books and learning tools for blind/low vision children, creating a collection that is the only one of its kind in the Mid-Hudson System.

MHLS Assistive Equipment Mini Grant \$1,200 (Total \$19,200)

Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS) member libraries interested in purchasing new equipment, software or contract services to improve library services for coordinated outreach populations of people who are blind or who have a physical disability were invited to apply for the MHLS Assistive Equipment Mini Grant. **Eligible Costs:**

- **New Equipment or software** (examples: auxiliary aids and assistive technology such as ZoomText Magnifier/Reader; CCTV/Video Magnifier; FM Assistive Listening System, SOGO, ReciteMe, etc.)
- **New Contracts for assistive services** (examples: sign-language interpretive services at public programs, ADA assessment of a facility, etc.)

Library	Population	Equipment
Amenia Free Library	People who have difficulty using/reading websites (those who	ReciteMe Software

	need different texts, colors, ability to have the website spoken aloud, etc.)	
Claverack Free Library	Hearing impaired	Williams Sound Loop Headphones, Receiver, Charger
Elting Memorial Library	Low vision	Orbit Reader 20: Braille display, book reader, and note-taker in over 40 languages, a clock with alarms, a calendar, and calculator, connects to computers and mobile devices over USB and Bluetooth
Heermance Memorial Library	Physical disability - patrons who utilize wheelchairs, walkers or canes	ADA compliance study Magnifying reading frames Earphones, noise canceling headphones
Hudson Area Association Library	Individuals with visual impairment	Visolux Digital XL FHD, an advanced portable video magnifier
Hunter Public Library	Physical disability	Activity Table with adjustable legs for children's room Foam Pencil Grips Magnifying Desk Lamps Braille Stickers for keyboards Large Print Computer Keyboards Adjustable height electric computer desks
LaGrange Association Library	Visually impaired	ReciteMe Software
Millbrook Library	Patrons with visual impairments and ambulatory and independent living difficulties.	ReciteMe Software
Morton Memorial Pine Hill	People who are visually impaired, blind or have any other physical disability that prevents them from holding a book (e.g. Parkinson's, Arthritis, MS)	Zoomtext Magnifier / Reader Software Hands Free 3x full page magnifier Power Mag LED lighted 5x magnifier Large Print PC keyboard Hands free magnifying glass with light

		<p>2 x Neck wear magnifying glass with light</p> <p>Hand held magnifying glass with light</p> <p>LED neck reading light</p> <p>Book light</p> <p>Weighted book mark/ book weight</p> <p>Book stands</p>
Mountain Top Library	Blind, hearing impaired, persons with speech impediments, and physically disabled	<p>Reading light book clips and magnifiers</p> <p>Braille keyboards</p> <p>Full page assistive magnifiers</p> <p>Large Print keyboard oversized letters</p> <p>Portable video aids</p> <p>Stereo headphones</p> <p>Pull out keyboard trays, trackball mouse, wrist assists for keyboards and mouse for all public computers, lumbar support for back on all patron computer chairs, chair stand assist bar</p> <p>Children's set of table and chairs for speech therapy sessions at the library</p>
NorthEast-Millerton Library	Hearing impairment	<p>Listen Technologies LA-401</p> <p>Universal Ear Speaker (Dark Gray) LILA401</p> <p>Kopul Studio Elite 4000 Series</p> <p>Neutrik XLR M to XLR F</p> <p>Microphone Cable (10', Black) KOM4010</p> <p>Listen Technologies Assistive Listening DSP Value Package (72 MHz) LILP4VP07201</p>
Phoenicia Library	Low to no vision	iPads / Cases for circulation
Saugerties Public Library	Blind / difficulty with sight	Clearview CCTV monitor and base
Tivoli Free Library		ReciteMe Software
Town of Ulster Public Library	Sufferers of traumatic brain injury	<p>Chromebooks</p> <p>Hotspot</p>

		Cases, mice, keyboards Tags, magnification stands/sheets, cases/sleeves
West Hurley Public Library	Visually Impaired	Victor Reader Stream 3 Units with Carrying Cases