

FLLS Family Literacy Grant 2023-External

FLLS Family Literacy Mini-Grants

The Finger Lakes Library System is offering mini-grants to member libraries through NYS-funded outreach services*. For the 2023-2024 grant year, each library may apply for up to \$750.

The mini-grants must be used to purchase supplies and materials or to fund performers/presenters that support your library's literacy work for at-risk youth ages birth-21 years**. Applications are being accepted from April 3, 2023 through April 24, 2023. Recipients will be announced by May 12, 2023.

**In November 2021, the separate adult literacy and family literacy "grant" program funds were consolidated into the public library system coordinated outreach services program formulas. Also, a new target group for coordinated outreach – at-risk youth, from birth to age 21 was added.*

** "At-risk youth ages birth-21 years" is not specifically defined by NYS but could include:

- *Educationally disadvantaged (people with below-average literacy skills)*
- *Ethnic or minority groups*
- *Geographically isolated*
- *Persons with physical, visual, or intellectual/developmental disabilities.*

Mini-Grant requirements:

- Applicants must be libraries that are members of the Finger Lakes Library System.
- Purchases must support the library's outreach work with at-risk youth ages birth-21.
- Applications must clearly indicate what is to be purchased. (e.g. "storytime supplies" is not a sufficient description but "child safety scissors, glue sticks and storage bins" would be acceptable.)
- The grant will NOT cover food or taxes on purchases.
- To be reimbursed for grant purchases, recipients must fill out a Reimbursement Request and attach receipts.
- All purchases for reimbursement must be made by June 1; the reimbursement paperwork and report must be completed by June 9, 2023.

The mini-grant cycle may be competitive, based on the number of libraries that apply. Applications will be evaluated on clarity of what is to be purchased and how the purchase(s) tie into the library's literacy work for at-risk youth ages birth-21 years.

Deadline is Monday, April 24, 2023. Recipients will be announced by May 12, 2023.

Have questions or need help developing your grant idea? Reach out to Heidi at heckerson@flls.org.

To qualify for the FLLS Family Literacy mini-grant, your project must support the library's literacy work serving at-risk youth ages birth-21 years**. Applications are being accepted from April 3, 2023 through April 30, 2023. Please use the Survey Monkey link sent to you in an email to submit your application. No other forms of the application will be accepted.

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Mini-Grant Application Questions

1. Contact Information
 - a. Library
 - b. Contact person
 - c. Email/phone
 - d. Project Name
2. How much money are you requesting? (You may request up to \$750.)
3. Will you accept partial funding?
4. What do you plan to purchase?
5. Describe the project with as much detail as possible. How do you plan to use your purchases? How will it build on the literacy work you already do? Who specifically will benefit from this project? How will you market and promote this project?
6. Will your purchases be complete by June 1, 2023?
7. How will you determine the success of this mini-grant, if you receive it?
8. Please compose a 3-5 sentence paragraph that succinctly describes your project. The paragraph will be used for reporting and publicity purposes if you are a grant recipient.