

Summer Library Programming Grant Policy

Outagamie Waupaca Library System

When funds for this purpose have been budgeted by the Board of Trustees, the Outagamie Waupaca Library System (OWLS) will make grants available to member libraries to help pay fees for entertainers performing in special programs, or for materials & resources necessary to support special activities designed to enhance and promote Summer Library Programs.

Guidelines

1. Grants may be used to pay part or all of the fee(s) charged by entertainers whose programs are part of one or more libraries' Summer Library Program schedule. Fees may include travel expenses. Grants may also be used to pay part or all of the cost associated with a special library activity or program, including materials and equipment to support one-time or ongoing Summer Library Programs.
2. OWLS encourages projects that are sponsored by and for more than one library, projects in which the library or libraries involved offer matching support (in money and/or in kind), and projects that can be shared with other libraries. In cases involving multiple libraries, one library should be designated as the lead library in group projects, i.e., the library with whom OWLS will communicate and negotiate.
3. No library may apply, singly or as a member of a group, for more than two grants. A maximum amount per grant and per library will be set based on the total budgeted.
4. Applicants must submit an application briefly describing how this performance or activity supports their Summer Library Program, details (i.e., name of performer or activity, dates and locations) and expected fee(s) to OWLS.
5. OWLS Director or his/her designee will evaluate each application and determine awards. OWLS may ask libraries for additional information or clarification before making decisions. All applicants will be notified about the outcomes of their applications.
6. The recipient of the grant or the lead library in group grants is responsible for arranging for payment from OWLS. A Payment Request Form must be submitted to OWLS by the prescribed date to ensure timely payment of performers.
7. An annual report on the disposition of Summer Library Program grant funds shall be presented to the OWLS Board. This report shall include a list of recipients, the activities supported, and the amount of assistance received from OWLS. Include brief activity reports from grant recipients.
8. After the OWLS budget has been approved, member libraries will be notified about the status of Summer Library Programming grants. The Grant Application Guidelines will be updated if necessary, announcing the grant budget, application procedures, and application and payment request deadlines for the upcoming summer.