

Book-giving Program Resources

L=Libraries

S=School Libraries/schools

CASH AWARDS



Idaho Community Foundation (L/S)

www.idcomfdn.org/pages/eligibility.htm

Eligibility & Grant Information: Regional Competitive Grants

Applications for competitive grants in the Southwestern, Eastern and Northern grants regions are accepted on a cyclical basis, with specific opening and closing dates. Only one region is available for grant seeking at any time. The pertinent dates for each region are as follows:

Region	Dates Open	Grants Awarded
North	Nov 1 - Jan 15	June
East	Feb 1 - April 1	September
Southwest	May 1 - July 1	December

Organizations may apply for up to \$5,000. Individuals are not eligible for the regional grant program. Organizations wishing to apply should review the Technical Instructions respecting online applications, as well as the current guidelines particular to the regional program in which they are interested.

Ezra Jack Keats Minigrant Program for Public Schools and Public Libraries

<http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/minigrant-program/> Minigrant Award = \$500

Funds will not be granted for:

- general operating costs
- administrative costs
- transportation of the audience
- purchase of books, tapes, software or equipment unrelated to a specific program described.

Deadline is in September of each year, awards announced in December.

State Giving Program (L/S)

<http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/state-giving-guidelines>

Through the State Giving Program, the Wal-Mart Foundation will consider organizations requesting support for programs that serve unmet needs of low-income, underserved populations within the state or region for which they are applying. For a book-giving program, follow the directions for the "Community Engagement Giving" application.

Deadline: Cycle 3: July 17, 2015, notification Sept. 11, 2015.

Cycle 4: Sept. 18, 2015, notification Nov. 13, 2015



Build-a-Bear Literacy and Education Grants (L/S)

<http://www.buildabear.com/shopping/workshop/Charitable%20Donations/3100023/10500018>

The Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation has previously given education grants, but their website currently states they are not accepting applications for 2015.



Sponsorships and Charitable Donations (L/S)

www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our_company/sponsorship/sponsorship_local/donations_local.html

Barnes & Noble considers local and national support requests from non-profit organizations that focus on literacy, the arts, or education (preK–12). They also consider sponsorship opportunities where they can partner with organizations that focus their core businesses on higher learning, literacy, and the arts. Eligible recipients are either local literary, arts, or educational organizations seeking a sponsorship or donation from a Barnes and Noble store or national literary, arts, or educational organizations seeking a charitable donation or sponsorship opportunity from a Barnes and Noble corporate office.

Deadline: Ongoing



The Foundation makes grants to any qualified tax-exempt Idaho nonprofit organization. Particular grantmaking priorities include rural healthcare, educational programs for children, and programs in underserved communities and for underserved populations. We are interested in organizations run in a cost-effective manner and serving large numbers of people who are truly in need. The Foundation has only one grantmaking cycle per year. Applications must be postmarked by May 15. Grants will be announced and disbursed by August 31. See attached Application for more details.

BOOKS AND MATERIALS



Free Books from First Book National Book Bank

www.firstbook.org

Looking for ways to sustain your Read to Me First Book program, or want to start a new program? Your library may qualify to receive free/low cost books!

Eligible organizations must register with First Book and be a nonprofit organization serving low-income families, a Title 1 school, or a specially designated government institution.

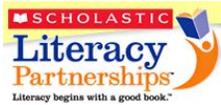
The First Book National Book Bank distributes large quantities of publisher-donated brand-new books to programs serving children from low-income families. The cost is just \$0.45 - \$0.65 per book to have them shipped. After registering with First Book, organizations will receive email notifications alerting them when book distribution applications are available.



Literacy Empowerment Foundation (LEF)

www.lefbooks.org/reading_resource_project/

Sponsored by the LEF, the Reading Resource Project is an ongoing program that runs throughout the year. The program distributes books free of charge to literacy programs. Recipients only pay shipping, handling, and administrative costs, which is only \$0.78 per book (\$78 per set of 100 books). Reading Resource Project books come in sets of 100 and are available for grades preK-2.



www.scholastic.com/literacypartnerships

Scholastic Literacy Partnerships is a book discounting program that allows libraries, schools, and other organizations to purchase high-quality, low-cost paperback books to use as giveaways to children. Books average \$2- \$4, and several times each year SLP sends out special offers, such as their \$1 deals. [More information](#)

Tight budget? Here are a few suggestions to increase your funding for giveaway books:

- 1) Make a presentation to your **Friends of the Library** group and request funding from Friends-sponsored book sales or special events. Feel free to use the PowerPoint slides on the ICfL summer reading resource page: <http://libraries.idaho.gov/landing/summer-reading>
- 2) Order additional incentive items from the **CSLP product catalog**, and sell them to through the library's bookstore or Friends-sponsored events. This is allowable only if *all profits* are reinvested in your summer reading program (i.e., you cannot use profits to supplement the library's general operating budget). There is currently no policy regarding markup percentage.
- 3) Ask your community for gently-used paperback book donations. Use these for give-aways.
- 4) Solicit local businesses or organizations for cash donations to buy books. Place a sticker in the books acknowledging the donors as "sponsors" of summer reading. Avery address labels work well for this. A couple hundred dollars can go a long way if you use one of the sources listed above!
- 5) Try the old-fashioned bake sale! Catchy (if not corny) phrases: Brownies for Books, Sweets for Summer Reading or Sweets for Stories; One World, Many Cookies. You get the picture...
- 6) Some libraries do not actually "give away" books as prizes—they give away a bookplate as the prize and allow the child to choose a book from a stack of newly purchased and cataloged titles. The child puts his or her name on the bookplate and gets to stick it inside the book. He or she then gets to be the first to check out the new book, and when it's returned it becomes part of the library's collection. It's fun for the kids to look for and check out "their" books or books with their friends' names in them.



Many of the grants listed above, as well as other opportunities can be found at www.grantwrangler.com

