



2023 - 2024 SCHOOL YEAR READING EVERYWHERE ACTION GRANTS

Kids are heading back to school and the OLC is preparing for another round of Action Grants. Have an idea for a reading project with your students or community in Oakland? The OLC can help you make your project come to life with an Action Grant and books for students.

We have a large quantity of **new, free, high interest books** in different languages to give to select community and faith based organizations. Grantees will be able to **come pick out books from our office** for your students and we will award **up to \$500** in Action Grants for accompanying activities.

The following are a few examples of projects from this year and we welcome your fun and creative ideas!

- A celebration event for teen reading buddies to meet their elementary aged reading buddies in person, along with an author visit and Q&A session.
- A series of read alongs and book giveaways as part of a Kinship summer reading program
- A Freedom Schools program with weekly culturally relevant books sent home for children to read and discuss with their families.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Oakland-based **community organizations** and **faith-based organizations** that work with **preschool through high school** age children are encouraged to apply for events and projects in **community-based (not school-based) spaces**. We also welcome applications from informal neighborhood and/or cultural groups and childcare providers.

Schools and school-based programs are not eligible to apply for Action Grants. However, we will have separate opportunities to provide you with books for your students.

Your organization does NOT need to have a literacy or education component in order to apply. **We believe that literacy happens everywhere and we LOVE working with all kinds of organizations to reach kids where they are and inspire a love of reading.**

Organizations may apply on behalf of one or more sites/locations but are required to submit separate applications for each.

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IMPORTANT DETAILS

- All participating students must receive at least one new book to keep. *Grantees will be able to pick up books from our office between October 4-27, selecting from a large collection of new, high-interest, diverse and inclusive books.*
- Projects should either directly engage students' families or share information with families on how to support reading at home. The OLC will provide you with a toolkit of resources.
- Grantees will need to attend a 45 min zoom orientation session to learn more about the toolkit and share ideas for involving families
- You can apply for only books, only grant money, or both books and grant money up to \$500.
- We welcome projects and book giveaways that focus on promoting literacy in languages other than English.
- Applications will be prioritized that present a clear and compelling idea for how they'll respond to students' interests and needs and create engaging opportunities to improve literacy outcomes and develop a love of reading.
- Grant amounts will be awarded based on the estimated number of students served and the scope of the project, and can be used for project activities, including food and supplies.
- ***Schools and nonprofits that run school-based programs are not eligible for Action Grants.***

HOW TO APPLY

Interested organizations are asked to submit a brief online form, which can be found on our website starting on August 28.

We are happy to work with you to come up with an idea for your project or submit your request. Please reach out to us!

KEY DATES

Applications will be released on August 28, 2023, and can be submitted anytime until September 22, 2023 by 11:59pm.

The OLC will review applications and announce final funding decisions by Monday, October 2.

Grantees will need to come to the OLC office (2744 E 11th Street) to pick up books between October 4-27. We will work with you to coordinate a time for pickup.

Projects must be completed by May 10, 2024.

Grantees will be asked to submit a short report by May 31, 2024.

GET IN TOUCH

We can be reached by phone at (510) 280-3547 or by email at julia@oaklandliteracycoalition.org. We hope to hear from you!

