

## School Library Grants from Northeast Kansas Library System

For complete details on this program, see: <http://www.nekls.org/school-library-grants/>

NEKLS Staff and Executive Board are pleased to announce a new grant program exclusively for NEKLS school library members. **We have allocated up to \$50,000 to fund competitive collection development grants during the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years.**

### Assistance and Information

NEKLS staff will be available throughout the application and funding periods to provide technical assistance. Contact Anna Foote, Youth Services and Continuing Education Consultant, at [schools@nekls.org](mailto:schools@nekls.org).

### Program Description

The program will encompass two phases.

#### **Phase One:**

***Funded libraries will receive \$1000 to spend on library materials/equipment.***

Interested libraries will complete an initial application. Selected libraries will use a collection evaluation tool of their choice to analyze their print collections. Selected libraries work with NEKLS staff to write a report to present to their administrators, outlining the strengths and gaps in their collections; this report will include a weeding plan.

The intent of this report is to enable libraries to make data-based cases to their administrations for improved, ongoing collection development funding.

Individual libraries within a district may apply, but coordination of effort at the district level is expected. This grant opportunity is open to any NEKLS school library member serving any grades K through 12.

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To help offset any costs of the collection evaluation tool and staff time, selected libraries will each receive grants of \$1000, to be spent on library materials or equipment.

Examples of collection evaluation tools include:

- Children's Plus - Collections Plus
- Ebsco - Core Collections
- Follett - Titlewave
- Mackin - CAPS

### **Phase Two:**

***Funded libraries will receive \$5,000 for print materials. Libraries may receive up to \$3,000 in additional funds to be spent on print and/or electronic materials. Additional funds will be based on a dollar-for-dollar match by school administration.***

Selected libraries will create a selection plan to address gaps in their print collections, and present their plans to their administrations. Funded libraries will receive \$5,000 for print materials.

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Selected libraries will submit a written final report to NEKLS. The report will include data, photos and stories.

### **Outcomes**

Successful participation in this grant program is expected to result in the following outcomes:

- Increased usage of library materials by students,
- Increased usage of library space by students, and
- Increased collaboration among library staff and teaching staff.

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### Timeline

#### 2018

Fall 2018 semester: application released

#### 2019

February 11 by 5pm (Central): applications due to NEKLS

February 25 (or earlier): grantees announced

September 20 (or earlier): reports given to administration

October 18 (or earlier): \$1,000 grants disbursed to successful libraries

#### 2020

February 7 (or earlier): selection plans submitted to NEKLS and administration

February 7 (or earlier): Districts' match amounts reported to NEKLS

February 21 (or earlier): \$5,000 grants, plus applicable matched amounts, disbursed to libraries

Ongoing (after items are added to collection): data collection based on the outcomes listed above

December 31: final grant reports due

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