

Community Impact Milestone

Library Grant Cycle

The Library Grant Cycle reached \$1M! In its 8th year, this grant cycle has now invested \$1,019,398 into our regional libraries. This is a huge investment for libraries whose average total budget is \$182,000. This grant cycle is *transformative for our rural communities*.

Thirty-seven Library Grant Cycle applications were received with thirty-three receiving full funding, two receiving partial funding and two not funded. \$172,496 was requested and \$162,304 was funded. This was primarily from two donor advised funds, and also included a spontaneous gift from an enthusiastic review team member! This year's grant cycle was improved due to written guidelines that were negotiated with the donor advisor. They better guided the libraries as to the donor's and fund advisor's priorities. The fund advisor was present via conference call this year for the whole six hour meeting time. Details of the grants are being provided on separate cover.



An eight member review team carried out a rigorous review process. Amanda Schiavulli was present, representing the Finger Lakes Library System (FLLS) and contributing much expertise to the discussion. She will be leaving the FLLS on 3/16/19, but has requested to be a voting member of the team next year as she enjoys the process! Scores and comments from review team are shared with applicants.

Grant Review Team:

Amanda Schiavulli (Finger Lakes Library System), Evan Earle, Laura Lusk, Mickie Sanders-Jauquet, Chair, Shannon David, Susan Lesser, Marney Thomas, Steve Kuramoto, Susan Currie



Awards Celebration

The award celebration was March 15th at the Finger Lakes Library System, as part of the Summer Reading 2018 Libraries ROCK workshop.

Testimonials and Results

Cortland Free Library

“This grant provides the necessary means to which we require to run the Ready, Set, Read! early literacy program. Due to this grant's funding, our Ready, Set, Read! program has become very successful in providing not only a program from which children can learn their letters, letter sounds and beginning steps towards reading, but also a way in which caregivers are shown the **importance of early literacy** and ways they can further institute these skills at home with their children. Grant funds also make it possible for each child to take home a book of their very own to have for their own library. This gives them a sense of ownership furthering helping in their **reading success**. Additionally the families that have attended the Ready, Set, Read! program have become frequent users of the Cortland Free Library and have attended other programs offered here.”



Summer Reading 2018 Libraries ROCK

Edith B. Ford Memorial Library in Ovid

“This grant, over the past 7 years, has transformed the Ford Library in Ovid to a **thriving community center** overrun by middle and high school students after school. We have more families in our library, more community members visiting and even grumpy old ladies who wish for a quiet library space recognizing the power of having **a safe space for youth**. I have volunteers rounding up snacks each week for kids; more youth volunteers than I need, but I make all of them feel useful and important; and staff who appreciate and welcome these youth. Due to the increased use of our library, and with community support, our library is **nearly doubling in size** this year. We have raised 88% of our \$2.5 million capital campaign in the past year. The road to growth in our library started with our first LIFT grant. The Rosen grants over the years have been instrumental in the growth of our library.”

Groton Public Library

"The ripples from this grant cycle are many from helping that one child feel safe to collaborating with the school district on a \$250,000 grant because of the *success of our after school youth programming*. The Groton Public Library is the *community hub* and this is due in large part to this grant cycle. The programs funded have touched many children and families."

Hazard Library Association

"If approved for a grant, this grant cycle will allow us to build on and continue programs we have put into effect during the past few summers. We have established an *exciting partnership* between two libraries, a school district, and a food pantry who are all serving the wider community to encourage our students to become *lifelong readers and learners*."

Lansing Community Library

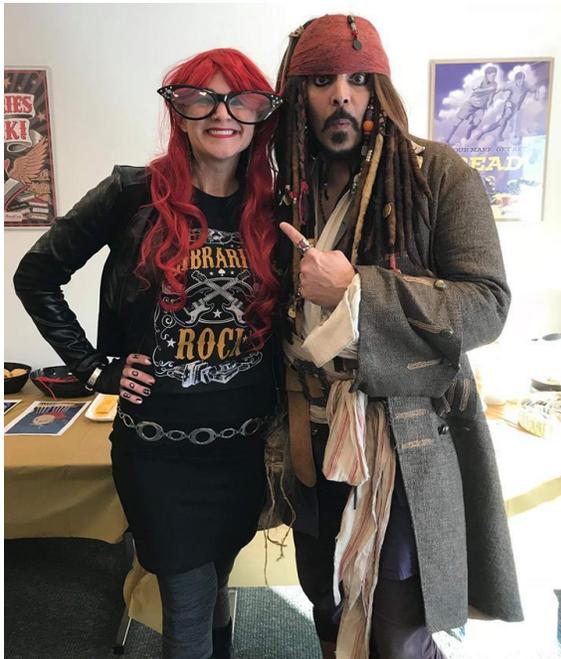
"This grant cycle has been *invaluable to youth in our rural community*. Over the past years, through Rosen funding, our summer reading program has been able to *reach hundreds* of under-served children. Without this Rosen funding our program would have had a much smaller impact. Based on the success of our fully grant funded program, in 2018, the Library Board of Trustees were successful in adding money to our tax levy to partially support this program."

Newfield Public Library

"The summer reading program is the center piece of our children's programming. The Rosen grant has helped us create a stable, educational, and *enriching opportunity* for a portion of our community that truly needs it."

Seymour Public Library District

"The grant cycle has allowed our library to expand the scope of our programs and allowed us to offer innovative programs in our community. We started our Learning Backpack collection, the *storywalks*, and expanded outreach efforts. As a result of this outreach, we forged *new partnerships/collaborations*. In the last two years, we have worked with new partners such as the Community Health Network, Perform 4 Purpose, the Child Advocacy Center and SAVAR."



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Southworth Library Association

“This grant has enabled us to *reach the entire family* with literacy events and encourage incredible good will and enthusiasm for the library as a whole. It has helped to make the library one of the *primary places of activity* and interest for our community.”

“We have been able to provide an exciting summer program with the grant funds provided for the summer camp. More students have engaged with the library services and resources as a result and the positive perspective towards the library has made it more than just a place kids think of as books.”

“We have been able to offer programs that have *created an excitement* about reading, the library as a 'place to be' and a positive attitude towards the library. More kids and families have checked out books and gotten library cards. Many kids who did not previously identify themselves as 'learners' have changed their perspective when they have found things that they are excited to learn about.”

Tompkins County Public Library

“Grant funding that enables us to make in-school and off-site visits allows us to make connections with children who may not regularly visit the library, and to create an association between children and the library so that they see the TCPL as a positive, *welcoming, and fun place*. It allows us to get books in the hands of children and enables them to begin to grow a home library. It helps us to facilitate and cultivate a lifelong joy of reading in the children we reach. Support of programs like Summer Reading Program and its related outreach helps us to create *a sense of belonging in children, a sense of ownership that this is THEIR library* that they will hopefully carry throughout their lives.”

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