

GATHERING IDEAS FOR FUTURE STATEWIDE PROJECTS 2014

The Library Council of Washington is looking for your help in identifying ideas for the use of federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding to meet statewide library needs and opportunities.

Project name (a short descriptive title)

Implementing Family Place Libraries in Washington State

Library, group, or person submitting proposal Cheryl Heywood

Library Name, if different Timberland Regional Library

Contact Person _____ Title _____

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1. Briefly describe your idea for the use of LSTA funding (limit your response to approximately ½ page):

Through a grant process, create Family Place Libraries training. This will increase the capacity of libraries within Washington State to recognize and realize their full potential as community hubs for healthy child and family development, parent and community involvement and lifelong learning.

The three-day Family Place Training Institute provides theoretical grounding in family centered library services and practical training in the core components of Family Place. The Family Place Training Institute prepares participants to implement the initiative locally and provides a vehicle for librarians to share experiences and effective practices with other Family Place librarians throughout the United States. Topics covered include:

- Serving families and children through partnerships
- Infant brain development
- Child development
- Emergent literacy
- Parent education
- Space design
- Collection development
- The Parent/Child Workshop
- Assets and needs Assessment
- Community Outreach
- Coalition building
- Documentation & Evaluation

All participants receive a Training Manual, relevant articles and books, and practical materials and information to help implement the Family Place Libraries Initiative. Beyond the training, Family Place Libraries staff provide four years of technical assistance to all participating sites.

2. Briefly describe why funding of this idea is important to the Washington library community (limit your response to approximately ½ page):

Literacy begins at birth, libraries can help build healthy communities by nourishing healthy families. Family Place Libraries redesign the library environment to be welcoming and appropriate for children beginning at birth; they connect parents with the resources, programs and services offered at the library and other family service agencies; and reach out to non-traditional library users. This creates the network families need to nurture their children's development during the critical first years of life and helps ensure all children enter school ready and able to learn.

3. Briefly describe the outcome that is expected should the idea be funded. In other words, how will we know if the project has been successful and has achieved its goals? (limit your response to approximately ½ page):

Washington library staff will become trained in the techniques offered by Family Place Libraries. They in turn will begin implementation within their local Washington libraries and they will offer resources and programs for supporting stronger parent child interaction that emphasize the role of parents as their child's first teacher.

General Information

Which library types are intended as the primary beneficiaries of this project? (check all that apply)

Academic (private and public two-year and four-year academic institutions)

Public (libraries organized under RCW 27.12)

School (private and public K-12 schools)

Special (business and industry, law, medical, other government, tribal, other)

If other, specify: _____

The intended beneficiaries of the project? (check the primary beneficiary)

Library staff

Library users or potential library users

A specific group of staff or users, or a potential user group. Name the target

beneficiaries(s): _____

(e.g., children, adults, disadvantaged, remote access library users, unserved community members, reference staff, IT staff, students)

The activities needed to implement this project are envisioned to include (check all that apply):

User training

Staff training

Grants

Development of best practices

Demonstration of emerging technology or practices

Other, please explain:

Considering the outcome desired, how long should the project continue? _____

(Note that most projects are from one year to four years in length.)

Which Library Council areas of focus support the idea you are submitting (check all that apply)

1. Advance applied literacy in the state of Washington in areas such as legal research, health information, employment/job searching, and developing civic/voter education resources.

2. Enhance libraries relevancy in a democratic society.

3. Serve underserved, unserved, and culturally diverse communities and populations.