

AZ Community Reads Grants

Deadline: December 31, 2016

About the Program

Community Reads programs encourage everyone in a city or neighborhood to read the same book. They are versatile programs that can support a variety of initiatives, from getting a community together to discuss a current issue in civil discourse, to encouraging parents to read with their children, to tackling illiteracy. Community Reads programs create opportunities for supportive programming, such as book talks, facilitated discussion groups, author visits, and more, which provide a greater depth of engagement with the books for participants.

The Arizona State Library is issuing grants of two thousand dollars (\$2000) each to support Community Reads programs in libraries in Arizona. The grant is designed to allot about \$500 for books and \$1500 for supporting programs. These grants will be provided to libraries that will use a Community Reads program to support the goals of civic engagement, encouraging reading, and promoting Arizona Literature.

These grants are designed specifically to support the collections and programming for Community Reads programs. Grantees must use the awarded funds to purchase copies of their selected book, and to host programs supporting the Community Reads initiative.

Eligibility Requirements:

- This grant is paid for with LSTA funds and all federal regulations apply. For eligibility requirements, refer to the [current grant guidelines](#).
- Applicants must select a book with an Arizona connection for their Community Reads title. For possible titles, visit [Reading Arizona](#) and [Southwest Books of the Year](#) (SWBY). You can find a sneak preview of 2016 SWBY titles [here](#), and 2016 SWBY Top Picks with descriptions [here](#).
- Programming activities must be completed before August 1, 2017.

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