

## Family Literacy Award



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Dear Yolande Wilburn:

We are delighted to provide Nevada County Library with a grant for **\$35,000** to support family literacy programming for low-literate adults in your community. The most successful literacy strategies involve families as a whole.

Please remember:

- The funds must be spent or encumbered by June 30, 2019.
- The funds are intended to support services to low-literate adults and their families, not the general adult or youth services population. We recommend you work with partners to help ensure that services are targeted to low-literate adults.
- The California Library Literacy Services mission and values apply to this funding, including the stipulation that your focus should be literacy for English-speaking adults.
- This grant comes from the same budget pot as your California Library Literacy Services funds so the same spending restrictions apply. Funds may not be spent on refreshments or out of state travel, for example.

This year, just over half of all California Library Literacy Services libraries requested family literacy funds. Next year, as more libraries apply, everyone's share of the \$2.5 million earmarked in the state budget for family literacy services will likely be slightly lower.

We encourage you to consider this year's funding as seed money to start or expand services rather than commit to ongoing expenses that may be sustained if you receive less funding next year. There has been a strong commitment to partnerships and collaboration demonstrated in the wide variety of programming plans received and we're confident that the newly-awarded family literacy funds will have a significant impact in communities across the state. Our plans for evaluation to identify and demonstrate this impact are threefold:

- We'll ask you to report on your family literacy services and expenditures in the already required annual year-end report. Please remember to count everyone who participates in your family literacy programs, including learners who are enrolled in your California Library Literacy Services program as well as other low-literate adults and their families who may not be officially

enrolled and matched with a tutor. Also, be sure to document all the programs, services and resources you provide.

- We'll provide you with a brief survey to collect data from families that attend programs and workshops.
- We may request that you provide us with a case study describing your activities that we will publish on the California Library Literacy Services website.

In addition, we encourage you to participate in the family literacy-themed training opportunities that will be provided by the California State Library, and to share your challenges and successes with our regional networks.

Respectfully yours,

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