

***To: Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library
Regarding: Children's Programming Grant Request***

Approved Job Code: FR-40-2024 YS Prog \$2,500

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What is requested? Children's Programming

Requestor: Jill Dugas Hughes

Date requested: February 20, 2024

We are reaching out to respectfully request a grant of \$2,500 to further enhance our children's programming. As a vital community hub, we are dedicated to providing enriching and educational experiences for children of all ages by offering engaging and educational experiences. In 2023, we provided 227 programs targeted at children ages 0-5 with 13,346 participants, and 112 programs targeted at children ages 6-11 with 6,448 participants. We hope to increase our offerings for the 6-11 age group in 2024, based on patron feedback and new staffing capacity.

With your support, we plan to allocate the grant towards the following initiatives:

1. **STEAM Workshops:** We aim to organize STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) workshops tailored for children, where they can participate in hands-on activities and experiments. These workshops will encourage curiosity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.
2. **Guest Performers:** We plan to invite guest performers such as musicians, storytellers, and puppeteers to entertain and inspire children through live performances, workshops, and interactive educational sessions. These interactive sessions will spark imagination, satisfy curiosity, and promote literacies.

Your generous grant will directly contribute to the success of these initiatives, allowing us to create meaningful and impactful experiences for the children in our community. By investing in children's programming, we are investing in the future leaders, thinkers, and innovators of tomorrow. We sincerely appreciate your consideration of our grant request.