

Grant Request to The Friends of the East Greenbush Community
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Summer Reading Programs & Supplies \$4,500

What is requested? Summer Reading Programs, Supplies, T-shirts for Children & Teens
Department: Youth & Family Services
Requestor: Jill Dugas Hughes, Director, East Greenbush Community Library
Date requested: April 16, 2024

Program Description

The “Adventure Begins” summer reading program, hosted by the East Greenbush Community Library, aims to ignite a passion for reading among children and teens. This initiative combats summer learning loss by engaging participants in diverse activities that promote literacy and community involvement. With a program rich in books, storytelling, and educational games, we aim to inspire daily adventures- from exploring new books to imagining trips to the moon.

Program Detail

Last year’s program attracted over 700 young readers who logged 5,000 reading days. We hosted over 200 programs, engaging over 3,500 participants. Additionally, 67 teens gained invaluable real-world experience by volunteering during the summer. Programming in 2023 highlights included:

- Science Chef: Bees/Pollinators
- Uncharted Wild Reptile Show
- Travelling Farm
- Let’s Drum
- Magic Show with Jim Snack
- Fishing Pole Take & Make
- Minecraft Writing Workshop
- Reptile Shows
- Volunteer Appreciation Party

Programs are designed to encourage exploration and learning in a fun and supportive environment.

Estimated Budget Breakdown:

- **Promotional T-shirts:** \$850
- **Books & Materials:** \$950
- **Program Presenters:** \$1,800
- **Rewards & Prizes:** \$900

Why does the library need this?

The requested funds will be instrumental in providing a high-quality summer reading program that includes:

- Engaging with Books and Materials
- Exciting Programs with Expert Presenters
- Attractive Rewards and Prizes
- Summer Reading T-shirts for Staff to promote and unify the program presentation

We are confident that with your funding, this program will not only maintain the continuity of our successful summer reading efforts but will also enhance the educational and cultural richness of our community. Thank you for your continued support of this critical program.