

## Grant Request to The Friends of the East Greenbush Community

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*FR-45-2024 Teen Supplies*

### Teen Supplies- \$2,000

**What is requested?** Teen Snacks, Period Supplies, RIF Books, Teen Book Boxes

Department: Youth & Family Services

**Requestor:** Jill Dugas Hughes, Director, East Greenbush Community Library

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### Overview

As a crucial community hub, the East Greenbush Community Library recognizes the importance of supporting our teens, especially during the critical after-school hours. To enhance our existing youth and family services, we seek funding to provide nutritious snacks, essential period supplies, engaging reading materials, and personalized book boxes. These services aim to foster a supportive and inclusive environment that promotes health, well-being, and educational engagement among teenagers.

### Program Detail

- 1. Teen Snacks:** To cater to teens who frequent our teen space after school for homework, relaxation, tutoring, or group projects, we offer nutritious snacks. This initiative not only alleviates hunger but enhances concentration and participation, thus enriching our library as a space conducive to learning and interaction.
- 2. Period Supplies:** Accessibility to period supplies is a significant concern that can affect a teen's ability to participate in educational and extracurricular activities comfortably. By offering free period supplies, we aim to eliminate one barrier to full participation, ensuring that teens can attend after-school programs without hesitation.
- 3. RIF (Reading is Fundamental Books):** In collaboration with other UHLS libraries, we distribute books to teens, encouraging them to share these reads with peers. This program fosters a community of shared learning and enthusiasm for reading among teenagers.
- 4. Teen Book Boxes:** Inspired by popular subscription box services, we offer books containing 1-2 library books selected based on individual interests, along with snacks and other supplies. This personalized approach aims to enhance reading enjoyment and continued library engagement.

### Estimated Budget Breakdown:

- **Teen Snacks:** \$775
- **Period Supplies:** \$125
- **RIF Books:** \$750
- **Teen Book Boxes:** \$350

### Why does the library need this?

This funding is essential to address wellness needs and support the overall well-being of our teens, as well as provide essential reading material to foster a love of reading. This grant will enable us to provide essential resources and engaging activities that contribute to a positive and productive after-school environment. Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the lives of teenagers in our community.