

Grant Request to The Friends of the East Greenbush Community
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Family Engagement Supplies- \$2,000

What is requested? Monthly Scavenger Hunt Prizes, Take & Make Supplies, Storywalk Books, Diapers

Department: Youth & Family Services

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Overview

The East Greenbush Community Library is committed to creating a vibrant, engaging, and inclusive environment that encourages learning and discovery for all ages. To further this mission, we are seeking a grant of \$2,000 to enhance our monthly family engagement activities. These funds will support the costs associated with our popular Scavenger Hunts, creative Take & Make Project Kits, enriching Storywalk installations, and necessary supplies such as diapers to facilitate participation by families with young children.

Program Detail

1. **Monthly Scavenger Hunts:** These themed scavenger hunts encourage families to explore our library's resources, promoting literacy and library usage in a fun and interactive way
2. **Take & Make Kits:** We provide materials for children and their families to create themed projects at home, fostering creativity and continuous learning outside the library setting
3. **Storywalk Books:** Storywalks combine the benefits of physical activity, reading, and family bonding by displaying a children's book in a series of reading stations along the library's sidewalk
4. **Diapers:** Offering diapers during library programs ensures that all families, regardless of economic status, can participate in our activities without worry, promoting inclusivity and accessibility

Estimated Budget Breakdown:

- **Scavenger Hunt Prizes:** \$500
- **Take & Make Supplies:** \$1,050
- **Storywalk Books:** \$200
- **Diapers:** \$250

Why does the library need this?

This funding will enable us to not only continue these popular programs but also to enhance their quality and reach. The proposed activities are designed to increase community involvement, support early childhood development, and promote lifelong learning. By reducing barriers to participation, we aim to welcome a more diverse group of families into our library community.