

Missouri State Library
Office of the Secretary of State
Library Services and Technology Act
Federal Grant Program

**Show Me Steps to
Continuing Education:
Individual Training Events**
Grant Application
SFY2020

Applications are due 2 - 9 months prior to the proposed event date.

APPLICATION OPEN TO:

All staff members or trustees of public libraries certified to receive State Aid

All staff members from school libraries, academic libraries,
special libraries, or library consortia



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SFY2020 APPLICATION FORM

PART 1: APPLICATION FORM

Name of library: **St. Louis Public Library – Central Library**

Address: **1301 Olive St.**

City: **St. Louis**

County: **St. Louis County**

Zip Plus Four: **63103**

Phone: **(314) 241-2288**

Continuing education event details:

Name of the CE Event: **Public Library Association 2020 Conference**

Date(s) of CE Event: **February 27 – 29**

Location of CE Event: **Nashville, TN**

PART 2: PROGRAM NARRATIVE

Please respond to the following items on a separate sheet of paper. The responses should include the original questions, be typed, single-sided, and double-spaced. Two or three total pages should be sufficient to complete this portion of the application.

a) What aspects of the CE event are particularly relevant to your job responsibilities and professional development?

The Public Library Association (PLA) is a division of the American Library Association; according to its website, PLA is the largest association dedicated to the improvement and innovations of public libraries. This event offers educational programs, inspirational speakers, networking receptions, and author luncheons for its registrants. As a Children's Services Outreach Librarian, I am responsible for staying

on top of innovation in public library outreach programming and rely on networking for ideas and inspirations to better my services. PLA 2020 has 14 youth specific programs and 10 outreach specific programs scheduled, many combining youth services and outreach together. Attending PLA 2020 meets Missouri State Library Goal 3, which reads, “Strengthening the Library Workforce” as well as LSTA priority 3, which states, “Provide Training and Professional Development for the Library Workforce and Leadership Show-Me Steps to Continuing Education.”

b) What are you hoping to learn by attending this training?

I have 3 main learning objectives while at PLA 2020. The first learning objective is to participate in the various networking opportunities provided by the conference to gain new contacts and connections. As a new Children’s Services Outreach Librarian, I am hoping these connections can be used to provide better programming and services to my community. My second learning objective is to gain new ideas and inspirations for children’s outreach initiatives. I would like to start implementing new storytime techniques and create more long-term programming. My third objective is that I would like to learn how to better meet the needs of a diverse community. St. Louis has many different ethnicities and cultures represented, including a large Bosnian population, and I would like to learn new ways to incorporate diverse programming.

c) How will participation in this event benefit the library’s patrons?

The St. Louis library system has 17 branches and over 83,000 library cardholders. The St. Louis Public School system has over 75 schools and various charter schools. Providing outreach to this large of a system has its difficulties, but by attending the

conference and learning about other libraries' initiatives, such as Los Angeles' partnership with Barbershop Books, I will be able to better serve our community and consequently help the library gain more patrons. By also learning how to better meet the needs of a diverse community, I am able to connect St. Louis citizens together and make the library a more welcoming place to all.

d) How will you share and/or implement your new knowledge in your library and beyond?

Our library has a staff meeting the first week of March 2020. I will create a presentation based on what I learned at PLA 2020 and will present it at the staff meeting and the monthly board meeting the following week. I will offer opportunities for other members of the library, specifically the children's department, to meet with me and discuss possible future initiatives. I will also upload all notes to Sharpoint, the file sharing program that our library currently uses. All staff members will have access to these notes.

Upon returning home from PLA 2020, I will fill also out the following evaluation form:

1) Did this conference meet your expectations? Circle.

Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree or Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree

2) Were the specific learning objectives met by this conference? List each learning objective and information learned below.

3) What changes or improvements will be made to current programs based on what was learned during PLA 2020?

- e) Please attach a copy of the program brochure and/or program agenda. The brochure should identify the provider/sponsor of the event. Indicate chosen sessions, if applicable, by either marking them clearly in the brochure or by listing a schedule.**

The conference schedule and program with keynote speakers is attached to the end of the grant application. The individual programs I would select to attend are:

Thursday 2/27:

- Build Community with an Inclusive Early Literacy Program
- Library Outreach Re-imagined
- Environmental Literacy for Children and Families
- Taking Literacy to the Community with Barbershop Books

Friday 2/28:

- Closing Opportunity Gaps through School-Library Partnerships
- Using Mirrors and Windows to Teach Cultural Literacy
- Adding Mindfulness to Your Storytime Checklist
- Early Literacy in Unexpected Places

Saturday 2/29:

- Disability in Children's Literature and in Library Programming
- GROWing New Library Patrons

- f) Have you previously attended this training opportunity? If so, when?**

N/A

- g) Has your library received a Show Me Steps grant within the last 12 months? If so, please list the CE event(s), date(s) of attendance, and award amount(s).**

N/A

h) How has participation in previous events funded through a SHMS grant impacted library service?

Participation through previous events funded by SHMS grants has greatly impacted our children's services. We now incorporate a STEAM themed monthly storytime for preschoolers. We also have implemented a Family Book Nook program in various childcare centers. These book nooks allow families to check out and return library books straight from their childcare center.

Part 3: Timeline (not included in original grant)

Prior to Grant Being Awarded		
2-9 months in advance (November)	Apply for Grant	
After Grant is Awarded and Grant Period Begins		
ASAP	Register for PLA 2020	
2-3 months in advance	Book hotel and airfare	
Following PLA 2020		
Week of March 2nd	Upload notes from conference to Sharepoint system	
March 5	Present at staff meeting	
March 12	Present at board meeting	
No later than 30 days after last day of the event	Final Grant Report Due	