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WNYLRC has compiled this directory of various grants available to libraries. Keep checking as we continue to add more grants to this list.

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Action Grants: Immersive Experiences Action Grant

The Immersive Experiences Action Grant is offered by WNYLRC for 2022-23 to assist members in purchasing digital photography equipment and creating photographic collections of historic or cultural significance to New York State and Western New York. WNYLRC provides and facilitates access to the Empire State Immersive Experiences (ESIE) database containing 360-degree panoramic photographs of historic and significant places. To facilitate members in the creation of their own panorama, we offer the this grant opportunity. Members are eligible for a single grant of up to $750 to purchase a 360-degree camera and associated equipment that they will use to create a panorama project for upload into ESIE.

This grant will run from mid-October 2022 to June 2023 or until funds are exhausted. We have up to FOUR slots
available for this fiscal year.

Grants will be evaluated on an ongoing monthly basis. The deadline for submission is the LAST FRIDAY of each month. Notifications of receipt will be sent, and awardees will be notified three weeks after each deadline. The dates for final submission this year are: October 28, November 25, December 30, January 27, February 24, and March 24. Grant awards will continue until June OR until grant funds are exhausted.

The application can be completed either in PDF and submitted by email to jbarone@wnylrc.org or submitted directly online using the Wufoo form.

**Grant Materials**

**Due date:** Ongoing (see above)

Guidelines

Fillable PDF Application

Online Wufoo application (must be completed in one sitting)

**Information about Empire State Immersive Experiences:**

ESIE - Empire State Immersive Experiences (website)

Creating Immersive Experiences with ESIE and Archipelago (video presentation)

Empire State Immersive Experiences Project: Capture Reality at Your Library (video presentation)

**Access and Innovation Grants**

WNYLRC member libraries and library systems are invited once a year to submit grant applications for the competitive Access and Innovation Grants (formerly known as the RBDB Member Project Grants) program. Grant guidelines, application and other information are available midsummer. Notification are sent to the Main Contact for each WNYLRC member library and library system eligible to participate. Please read the guidelines carefully prior to submitting and application.

**2022/2023 Grant Materials:**

**Deadline:** 4:30 PM on Monday, November 28th, 2022

**Application Materials (must be submitted with application)**

Cover Letter 2022

Application 2022

Copyright Agreement

Final Report 2022 (to be submitted after grant acceptance)

**Additional Information (for your reference)**

Application Guidelines

Application Checklist

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Coordinated Collection Development Aid (CCDA)

CCDA stands for Coordinated Collection Development Aid. This New York State grant provides approximately $161,000 to fund collection development to 16 academic libraries in the Western New York region. (Buffalo State College, Canisius College, Daemen College, D'Youville College, Erie Community College, Genesee Community College, Hilbert College, Jamestown Community College, Medaille College, Niagara County Community College, Niagara University, St. Bonaventure University, State University College at Fredonia, University at Buffalo, State University of New York, Trocaire College, and Villa Maria College).

Overall, New York State grants more than $1.5M for 183 academic libraries across the state. The purpose of CCDA is to enhance regional resource sharing by supporting academic libraries to build their collections in specific subject areas. The result is access to more resources and richer collections.

The funds are allocated via a formula that adds a per-student amount to a base grant. The academic libraries fill out an annual application showing that their library budgets are being maintained at 95% of the average of the previous two years’ budgets. This is called “maintenance of effort” and shows that they are not reducing their budgets because of the grant money they receive.

WNYLRC coordinates the distribution and collection of the applications, but the money is sent directly to the academic institutions. To view the NYSED Grants Finance Office to see reports: http://www.oms.nysed.gov/cafe/reports/

Diversity Internship Grant Program

2022: Application Deadline October 14, 2022

This grant cycle has now closed. Please keep an eye out for the next grant cycle.

The WNYLRC Diversity Internship Grant Program was developed to attract future librarians who reflect the diversity of our communities. WNYLRC believes that diversity should be represented in the staff at our member institutions to reflect the communities in which they serve. To help our members, the WNYLRC Diversity Internship Grant Program was developed. This initiative meets several goals that support diversity, equity, and inclusion in WNYLRC’s 5-year Plan of Service.

Through the WNYLRC Diversity Internship Grant Program, WNYLRC will fund grants to member libraries and cultural organizations (herein called Member Applicants) to support a paid internship. The goal of the internship is to support a candidate from a diverse population who demonstrates an interest in pursuing a career in library or
Diverse Collection Development Grant

2023: Application Deadline February 17, 2023

In an effort to address the diverse need of students, the importance of representation in library collections, and budget restrictions, the Western New York Library Resources Council's High School to College Committee is proud to offer the Diverse Collection Development Grant.

Grant-recipient school libraries from 2022 will not be eligible for the current grant year. Previous winners are encouraged to apply in 2024.

This grant will be available to K-12 school libraries that are a member of one of the five school library systems that are members of WNYLRC (City of Buffalo, Erie 1, Erie 2, Orleans-Niagara, and Cattaraugus-Allegany), and are members of the Genesee Valley BOCES who are located in Genesee County only. Applicants will submit required materials via the online form linked below.

Grant Application (must be completed in one sitting)

Materials:

Full Grant Details and Requirements
Grant Scoring Rubric

American Rescue Plan Act Grant (ARPA)

WNYLRC is now accepting applications for special grants in the areas of Digital Inclusion, Library/Museum Partnerships, and School Library System Digital Resource Projects. To view the specific guidelines and application for this grant, please visit our ARPA Grant LibGuide*. There are three categories you can apply under, so select the appropriate tab to find the category application you need.

The deadline for the ARPA grant funding is November 15, 2021. Please contact any WNYLRC staff member for assistance.

*This current funding program is made available through American Rescue Plan Act funds that were distributed to NYS Library and Division of Library Development (DLD).