**Innovative Reading Grant**

Sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) a division of the American Library Association (ALA) and Capstone

**Overview**

The AASL Innovative Reading Grant supports the planning and implementation of a unique and innovative program for children which motivates and encourages reading, especially with struggling readers.

**Eligibility**

Applicant must be personal member of AASL.

### ****Criteria****

All applications for the grant will be judged against the following criteria:

1. This award is for a successful reading project that demonstrates the potential to improve reading in K-9th grade. The project or reading program should promote the importance of reading, facilitate the learners' literacy development, and be supported by current reading research, practice, and policy
2. The potential to measure and evaluate the impact and reading improvement for its learners. ​​
3. Reading program must be specifically designed for children (grades K-9) in the school library setting
4. Program must encourage innovative ways to motivate and involve children in reading. Existing commercial programs will not be considered
5. Project should demonstrate potential to impact student learning, especially reading
6. Originality of project and methodology
7. Potential for replication of the program should be apparent
8. Demonstration of the ability of the applicant(s) to undertake and successfully complete the project
9. A project plan that includes a timeline, budget, and clarity of purpose
10. Research should be evidence-based and scholarly in nature
11. Rankings based on a rubric that correlates with the ratings sheet.
12. The grant recipient may be invited to present a program at a future AASL National Conference after the study has been completed and the results known.
13. The grant recipient may be invited to write an article for *Knowledge Quest* that delineates their reading incentive project and demonstrate their successes, trials, and recommendations for improving so others can replicate the project.

#### Deadline

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA ONLINE APPLICATION BY FEBRUARY 1  
ALL APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE AT 4:30 CST ON THE DAY OF THE DEADLINE.**

\*Please note: This downloadable version is for informational purposes only. All applications must be submitted online, via the Apply Now button at the top of the award’s page  
(http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards/innovative).

**AASL Innovative Reading Grant Application**

Name:

Preferred Email Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ALA/AASL ID: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Alternate Phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone Type (Home/Work/Cell): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Title of Project:

Project Design:

Proposed Date of Project:

Abstract of Proposed Project: .

State of the Problem: .

Goals and Objectives: .

Planned Activities: .

Possibilities for Dissemination: .

Project Timeline: .

**Please attach the following items to your application:**

1. Project Budget
2. Letter of Recommendation (1-3 letters)