

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Boston
January 8 - 12, 2016

Topic: Dollar General Grant Funds

Background: YALSA distributes a significant portion of the funding it receives from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation via mini-grants to libraries. Anna Lam, YALSA Communications Specialist, has created the infographic on the following page to provide some basic information about these mini-grants and their impact in 2015.

Action Required: Information

Quotes from Summer Intern Grantees

I was shocked by the interest in the internship and thrilled by the positive response to this new opportunity for teens at my library.

We're proud that we were able to provide four outstanding young people with opportunities for summer employment and real-life work experience, which they can use on college applications and resumes.

All three interns said that they had a completely new view of libraries and what they have to offer. They had no idea how much work went on behind the scenes to make plan and implement children's programming and the Summer Reading Program.

I had an Intern able to see how the program mirrored real life and was able to use the experiences she was gaining as an Intern to get a job! She applied, interviewed (citing skills and experiences she gained as an Intern during it), and got the job.

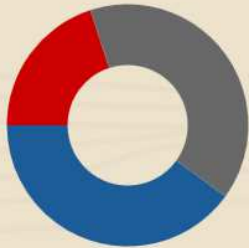
Quotes from Summer Reading Resources Grantees

I would consider our biggest success as being able to get teens into the library that had never previously used it before.

Our greatest accomplishment was having teens from different backgrounds and skill levels work together and create new things and learn new skills.

2015 Dollar General Literacy Foundation Grants

50 Grants



- Teen Read Week Grants - 10
- Summer Reading Resources Grant - 20
- Teen Summer Intern Grant - 20

Teen Read Week Grants

10 recipients out of 58 applicants were chosen

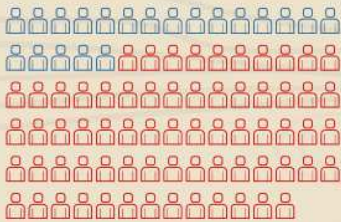


3,011 teens participated in

grant funded Teen Read Week programs and events



Teen Summer Intern Grants



20 recipients out of 68 applicants were chosen



67 teens worked over

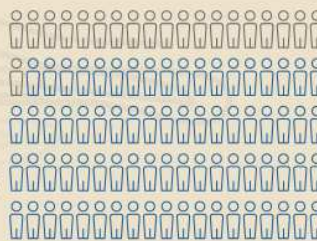


2,354 hours



Summer Reading Resources Grants

20 recipients out of 75 applicants were chosen



over 6,965 teens participated in

grant funded summer reading/learning programs with



over 1,343 books & resources purchased

