



Future Ready with the Library 2017 Cohort 2 Application

Thank you for your interest in the Future Ready with the Library project! Funding is provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Through this project, the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) and the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) will support library staff as they work with a community partner to develop college and career readiness services. 30 participants will be selected for cohort 2.

The project FAQ is available and includes information on the project, the application process, and project expectations for participants. Potential applicants should read this information in order to gain an understanding of the activities they will be invited to participate in if selected for cohort 2.

If you have any questions about the application process or the project contact the Future Ready with the Library IMLS grant project manager, Linda W. Braun, lbraun@leonline.com.

Application due date is September 1, 2017.

First Name

Last Name

Job Title

E-mail

Phone

Name of Library

Library Address

How many full-time staff are employed at your library (including yourself)

How many people live in the service area in which you work?

How many middle school students (grades 5-8) attend school in your service area?

What types of professional are you involved in as a part of your current job?

Library committee or project team

Community committee in which you represent the library

State, regional or local or national library organization committee

Student in an LIS or other program

None

Other

In no more than 250 words, tell us how will you fit the work of this project into your work and personal life? (we expect that participating in the face-to-face orientation meeting, taking part in



online learning, and being an active member of the project community of practice will require an average of 2 - 3 hours per week for approximately one year)

This project requires that cohort members go out into the community to develop partnerships with organizations and community members. In no more than 250 words, tell us what plans you and your supervisor, if applicable, will put in place in order to be able to actively work inside and with the community to build relationships and sustainable partnerships.. (consider how your library building and desk will be staffed at times when you are working on this project, any policy implications that may come into play, your overall work schedule and how planning time fits in, etc.)

Keeping in mind the project goals please explain what the needs are in your community related to college career readiness for middle school youth and families and how you think participating in this project will help alleviate those needs. (250 words maximum)

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Keeping in mind the project goals tell us about a time when you identified a community need and worked to help alleviate that need. What was the situation, what was the experience like, what steps did you take in order to achieve success and/or to learn how to better serve your community, how did you sustain the partnership over time? (250 words, maximum)

Is your library currently participating in or planning to participate in any large scale projects over the next 2 years? (For example have you applied to be a part of another IMLS project, are you currently involved in other IMLS projects, do you have projects at the state level that you are working on, etc.?)

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

If you answered "yes" to the above please let us know what projects you are involved in, what role you as the applicant plays in this project, and how you would manage time commitments across projects.

Select the options below that you think best describes you:

	Strongly Agree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Disagree
I am comfortable with ambiguity				
I am willing to spend time and effort to promote change in my library and community				



	Strongly Agree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Disagree
I believe you can learn as much from failure as success				
Other people who know me would describe me as a risk-taker				
I enjoy doing things that I've never done before				
I am comfortable working in an online environment for learning and relationship building				
I have an interesting in or experience with being a part of an active online community of practice				

Statements of agreement: failure to comply with these could lead to dismissal from the program:

I understand the time commitment, of 2 - 3 hours per week for one year in 2018, and will dedicate the time required to this project, including full participation in all online courses and discussions	Yes
I acknowledge that the majority of this work will be conducted online, that I will not be provided with equipment and must use my own, and that I will be responsible for learning how to use any digital tools required for the project	Yes
I understand that in order to keep up with the activities of this project I need to check my email and the Community of Practice site at least every other work day	Yes
I understand that I am required to work with at least one community partner, who must be identified by June 1, 2018 and that the partner and I will co-develop a CCR service for our community as a part of this project	Yes
I acknowledge that I have the availability to travel to Denver for an in-person orientation from February 8-9, 2018 and as the person applying for this project will be the one who participates in the online activities throughout the year.	Yes



I understand that YALSA will provide funding, if a need is demonstrated, for substitute staff at my library while I attend the face-to-face orientation in Denver in February of 2018

Yes

Applicant Signature

Signature of supervisor (if applicable)