

1. Type of library program or project and how it would address community needs:

This program would promote reading by offering multiple copies of a book to be read and discussed. It would allow students to participate in a library scavenger hunt activity inspired by the book that would not only relate to the story but also teach them more about using the library. Although many students choose to participate in voting for their favorite William Allen White book, we have never had a book discussion group or after-school library activity at the elementary school.

2. Description of library program or project including date and location:

Book Discussion Group & Activity -- To capitalize on the popularity of the book *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein, we would purchase multiple copies of the book to allow a large group of students to read it. Participating students would then be invited to an after-school activity that includes a book discussion, library scavenger hunt that relates to the story, food, and prizes. Students would read the book March-April and the activities would take place April-May at Sterling Grade School. We would also get multiple copies of the sequel and read-alike titles for students to read.

3. Description of how this event qualifies as a new or special project for your library:

We have never had a book discussion group or after-school library activity at this school. After reading *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*, a couple of students asked if we could do games in our library similar to those played in the book. After exploring the author's website, it is clear that there are a variety of materials and ideas available to use for this activity. It will not only promote reading and literacy, but it will also promote the importance of libraries and help students become more fluent in using the Dewey Decimal System.

4. Amount requested for the program / project (maximum amount \$500) \$500

5. Proposed budget for grant monies:

\$280	Books 15 copies of <i>Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library</i> 10 copies of the book's sequel, <i>Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics</i> 10 copies of the related title <i>Book Scavenger</i>
\$120	Food (pizza, cookies, table service, drinks)
\$100	Prizes (books, gift cards, t-shirts, etc.)