



Friends of the Oakland Public Library

2015 - 2016 Grants to the Oakland Public Library

Grant Total: \$170K

The Friends of the Oakland Public Library board approved a “wish list” of grants for the Oakland Public Library totaling \$170,000 in September 2015. To be spent during the fiscal year (October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016), these grants benefit every location and patrons of all ages.

Systemwide – Collections, Outreach, Support for Staff and Volunteers — \$46,250

- Enhance World Languages Collection
- Enhance “book discovery” by upgrading displays of books
- Adult Public Programs — honorariums, refreshments, supplies
- Adult and Staff Summer Reading raffle prizes
- Design services for OPL’s 2014-15 Annual Report
- Volunteer recognition – “mini-grants” for branch and unit recognition
- Scholarships for staff pursuing library sciences degree
- Staff appreciation celebration & Team Bike Challenge cycling caps
- Department Manager’s Retreat
- T-shirts for staff who do outreach at events
- Director’s Discretionary Fund

Systemwide – Services to Youth — \$30,500

- Children’s Services tablet technology pilot – Phase 2
- Children’s Literacy Programming Fund
- Supplemental children’s programming “mini-grants”
- Library card wallets for preschool card drives and other outreach
- Supplies for “dramatic play” areas in Children’s spaces
- Youth Leadership Council
- Youth Poet Laureate 2016
- Teen Author Series
- Ready, Set, Connect! job training program – Youth Stipends

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Branches & Main – Special Programs and Equipment– \$25,250

- Screens, projectors, PA systems for public programs at 81st Ave., Montclair, Temescal, Children's Services (shared among multiple locations)
- Pop-up shelter, picnic table and outdoor umbrella for Brookfield and Chavez
- Storytime carpets, storyhour cushions, lap reading chairs and book giveaway cart for Chavez, Eastmont, King and Main Children's Room
- Sidewalk signs to promote public programs at Lakeview, Melrose, Main
- Support for exhibit at AAMLO
- Youth Leadership Council
- Teen Zone furnishings at West Oakland

Designated gifts for the following purposes– \$68,200

- Teen Zone furnishings at West Oakland
- Children's Literacy Programming Fund – designated donations and grants from the Herman Auerbach Memorial Fund Trust II, Wells Fargo, Fentons Creamery, Dollar General Literacy Foundation, Stocker Foundation, East Bay Gives 2015 and others
- Second Start Adult Literacy
- Ebooks
- Diamond Branch
- Temescal Branch
- Asian Branch, Mori Book Funds
- Oakland History Room – bequest from Helen L. Knopp

Note: The "Get to Know Your Grants" articles in FOPL's quarterly newsletter, Off the Shelf, provides updates to our members about how the Friends of OPL supports the Oakland Public Library. Back issues are in [our newsletter archive](#).