

Friends of the Oakland Public Library

2014 - 2015 Grants to the Oakland Public Library

Grant Total: \$174K

The Friends of the Oakland Public Library board approved a "wish list" of grants for the Oakland Public Library totaling \$174,000 in September 2014. To be spent during the fiscal year (October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015), these grants benefit every location and patrons of all ages.

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

- Internet access "hot spots" for check-out from East and West Oakland libraries
- Out-of-print DVDs requested by patrons
- Book bags for patrons to check-out
- Adult Summer Reading raffle prizes
- Promotional items for outreach activities
- Design services for Annual Report
- Volunteer recognition
- Scholarships for staff pursuing library sciences degree
- Staff appreciation celebration
- Director's Discretionary Fund

Systemwide – Services to Youth — \$30,500

- Books for Wider Horizons 20th anniversary celebration
- Children's Services tablet technology pilot
- Children's Literacy Programming Fund for all 17 locations
- Supplemental children's programming "mini-grants"
- Youth Leadership Council
- Youth Poet Laureate 2015

Branches & Main – Special Programs and Equipment – \$12,555

- African American Museum and Library at Oakland (AAMLO) Support for Concert Program about the Hyers Sisters
- Brookfield, Montclair, Temescal Projector screen, table top for programming
- Brookfield, Main, Melrose, Piedmont Ave Pop-up shelters for outdoor library programs
- Chavez Supplies for children's programming, replacement furniture for teen and adult areas (funded in part by gifts designated for the Chavez branch)
- Dimond Storytime carpets
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Storage for programming supplies
- Montclair Shelving for children's librarian's workspace
- Temescal Velvet stage curtain for performancesChildren's Services tablet technology pilot

Additional grants: a bequest from Helen L. Knopp for the Oakland History Room (\$58,333), grants and donations for the Children's Literacy Programming Fund (\$18,775) and donations for Second Start Adult Literacy (\$500).