



Friends of the Oakland Public Library

2018 - 2019 Grants to the Oakland Public Library

Grant Total: \$215K

The Friends of the Oakland Public Library board approved a “wish list” of grants for the Oakland Public Library totaling \$215,000 in September 2018. To be spent during the fiscal year (October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019), these grants benefit every location and patrons of all ages.

- **Children’s Services** received \$20,000 to pay for performers and supplies systemwide during the next year.
- **Teen Services** will have \$41,000 to use for Youth Poet Laureate (scholarship and other support), Ready, Set, Connect!, Youth Leadership Council, and other programs.
- **Adult Services and Outreach** will use \$18,500 for adult programs, supplies for outreach programming, OPL t-shirts for staff or volunteers for outreach visibility.
- **Branch Services and AAMLO** received \$52,000 to pay for guest speakers, craft supplies, food for youth programs (after school snacks, extended storytime programs), film licenses for free public screenings, facility and furniture improvements.
- **Community Relations** will have access to \$24,000 for the annual Report, volunteer appreciation, promotional items for outreach events, support to expand promoting the services of the library.
- **The remaining** \$59,500 is funding for a 3rd year of the popular mini-grants program, Wi-Fi hotspots, scholarships for library staff pursuing their Masters in Library Science degree, staff hospitality and training, library director’s discretionary fund (for unforeseen needs), Tool Lending Library, Bookmark Bookstore gift certificates for summer reading and other prizes.

Separately, during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, the board approved grants representing gifts designated for specific purposes by donors: \$40,000 for Children’s Programs, \$4,000 for the Asian Branch, \$2,000 for the Chavez Branch, \$1,300 for free meal programming for youth, \$1,200 for digitizing a special newspaper collection at Main, \$1,000 for the Second Start Adult Literacy Program and other designated donations bringing FOPL’s support to the library this year to \$265,200.

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](#).