

# Grant Opportunities

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## Enriching Literacy Education

### Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy is accepting applications for its annual national grant competition. The grantmaking program is designed to help develop or expand projects that support the development of literacy skills for adult primary care givers and their children.



To be eligible for funding, the applicant organization must have nonprofit or public status and must have been in existence for two or more years. The organization must operate an instructional literacy program that has been in existence for at least two years and includes one or more of the following components: literacy for adults, parent education, pre-literacy or literacy instruction for children pre-K to grade three, and/or intergenerational literacy activities (parent and child together time).

A total of approximately \$650,000 in grants will be awarded in 2011; grant requests should not exceed \$65,000. The National Grant Program application and guidelines are available at :

<http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com>

**Deadline: September 10, 2010**

## Providing Job Opportunities through education and training

### KeyBank Foundation

The KeyBank Foundation primarily provides support to nonprofit organizations that foster economic self-sufficiency in the [communities](#) where KeyBank operates in the states of Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Utah, Vermont, and Washington. The Foundation's Financial Education category supports programs that foster effective financial management and understanding of financial services and tools. The **Workforce Development** category supports programs that provide training and placement for people to access job opportunities for a stronger and better prepared workforce. The Diversity category supports programs that employ systemic changes to improve the access of individuals of diverse backgrounds and encourage them to realize their full potential. Requests may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the Foundation's website to download the proposal guidelines and forms.



For more information, visit: <https://www.key.com/html/key-foundation-philanthropy-banking.html>

**Deadline: Ongoing**



# Grants & Awards

## The new “key” to library funding



### Together—Book Talk for Kids and Parents

The New York Council for the Humanities' Together—Book Talk for Kids and Parents program offers a forum for parents and their 9-to-11 year old children to come together to talk about books and ideas at their local library. Studies show that between the ages of 9 and 11 children begin to lose interest in reading for fun. Research also shows that parents' own reading and involvement in their children's reading has a strong impact on their future reading habits. Together gives libraries an opportunity to address these trends by involving parents and kids in discussions about a variety of personal, public, and historical issues through the close reading of selected picture books and novels. Families read a book at home before each Together session. During the session, an open exchange of ideas between parents and children encourages family participation in learning while emphasizing the importance and pleasure of reading.

Each of the six 90-minute Together sessions is co-facilitated by a librarian and a humanities scholar from the local community. The sessions alternate between picture books and novels, all of which explore key themes in American life such as courage, freedom, and being American.

To host a Together series at your library, find a humanities scholar who is willing to serve as co-facilitator and submit your application to the Council. If your application is successful, the Council will supply all the books, contract directly with your scholar co-facilitator, and provide your library with a \$1000 stipend to cover necessary expenses such as childcare and materials.

For more information, visit [http://www.nyhumanities.org/discussion\\_groups/kids\\_and\\_parents/together/](http://www.nyhumanities.org/discussion_groups/kids_and_parents/together/)

**Application Deadline for Spring 2011 Series:  
Nov. 1, 2010**

### Speakers in the Humanities

Speakers in the Humanities is made possible in part with generous support from the Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation.

Launched in 1983, the Speakers in the Humanities program brings the best in humanities scholarship to thousands of people at hundreds of cultural organizations in virtually every corner of New York. To host a lecture in your town, just select a topic, contact the Speaker, and apply for funding through the Council. Any not-for-profit organization in New York State is eligible to use the program. Speakers events must be open to the public and free of charge. If your [application](#) is successful, the Council covers the cost of the Speaker's honorarium and travel expenses.

For more information, visit [http://www.nyhumanities.org/speakers/adult\\_audiences/](http://www.nyhumanities.org/speakers/adult_audiences/)  
**Deadline: Ongoing**

### NEH preservation grant Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections

Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections (SCHC) helps cultural institutions meet the complex challenge of preserving large and diverse holdings of humanities materials for future generations by supporting preventive conservation measures that mitigate deterioration and prolong the useful life of collections. Libraries, archives, museums, and historical organizations across the country are responsible for collections of books and manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings and moving images, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, art, and historical objects that facilitate research, strengthen teaching, and provide opportunities for life-long learning in the humanities. To preserve and ensure continued access to such collections, institutions must implement preventive conservation measures, which encompass managing relative humidity, temperature, light and pollutants in collection spaces; providing protective storage enclosures and systems for collections; and safeguarding collections from theft and from natural and man-made disasters.

For more information, visit: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/SCHC.html>

**Deadline: November 16, 2010**

If your library has grant information or grant acquisition stories to share in *Grant Opportunities*, please contact Dawn Vincent at NCLS: 782-5540 or [dvincent@ncls.org](mailto:dvincent@ncls.org)