

**Exemplary Grant Application from 2006
Youth Grant Application Short Form**

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Project Title: Homesteading, Photography & Solomon Butcher

Category Question: Selected Category of grant project:

Category Answer: We have chosen the category of "Boys & Books" for our selected grant project. During the 2006 Summer Reading Program we noticed a great decline in the number of older children (Grades 4th-6th) including higher numbers of boys that participated in the program. We decided to change the format of our SRP in 2007 for the older groups with the introduction of mini-hobby sessions that focused on a topic that would interest pre-teens then combine it with a great historical fiction book along with many text resources that would help fuel the fire of interest.

For students finishing 5th and 6th grade they will be learning the fundamentals of photography, the history of homesteading in Nebraska and the importance of Solomon Butcher in both these areas. Because agriculture plays such an important part of our rural community, I feel that young boys will find interest within both areas of this project.

Goals Question: Goal(s): (State at least part of the goal quantitatively and/or in terms of children's behavior.)

Goals Answer: 1- To introduce the basic concepts of photography, from picture taking techniques to understanding the mechanics of the camera.

2- To introduce the students to books of historical fiction that document the homesteading experience, especially here in Nebraska.

- 3- To have a local photographer come and share his/her talents and answer questions.
 - 4- To allow each student the use of a disposable camera to begin experiencing the hobby of photography.
 - 5- To develop each students pictures and give them the hands-on experience of choosing their favorite print.
 - 6- To end the program with a photo contest for the students that participated in the program.
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Program Question: Description of program or activities:

Program Answer: For the program we would need to purchase the necessary books and video to compliment with this project. These books would include several photography books, "Prairie Songs" by Pam Conrad plus a book and video of Solomon Butcher. A large portion of expense to this project would be the purchasing of disposable cameras and the developing of the pictures. The library director would be responsible for obtaining the resources and for the developing of the pictures. A local photographer would also require some expense to the program. The prizes for the photo contest would be to have the winning photo in each category made into an 8" x 10" photo and framed. The library's portion of 25% matching would include materials for the students to organize their photographs into a finished project and also the project director's hours to complete the program.

Time to Completion Question: Date you will begin project, and date project will be completed):

Time to Completion Answer: The project would occur during the regular time frame of Summer Reading during June of 2007.

Number of Youth Question: Targeted number of youth who will be impacted by this project:

Number of Youth Answer: 30-40 students

Budget Narrative Question: Budget Narrative: Please indicate the details of the specific cost of each category on the worksheet. For example, your project may includes a series of programs featuring one or more guest speakers. You might state: The project includes three programs, one each per month, featuring regional presenters. Month 1 - John Doe, one hour presentation on -The Ins, Outs, and How-tos of Runescape, honorarium \$100.

Month 2 - Jim Doe, one hour presentation on Anime's Best, honorarium \$100. Month 3 - Jane Doe, one hour presentation on NASCAR Now, honorarium \$100.

Budget Narrative Answer: Contracted services: \$100 photography demonstration
 Library materials: \$100 books and videos
 Program materials: \$170 disposable cameras/ \$180 developing (36)
 Promotions: \$75 prizes for photo contest winners
 Promotions: \$50 for advertising

Impact Question: Impact (please state the expected benefits of the project).

Impact Answer: The evaluation of this program will be included in the value that the students place on what they have learned within the time frame of their summer reading experience. I want the benefits to be that students will realize the valuable tools a library can offer when learning a new skill or hobby, when learning about our nations history and most important- when gaining a lifetime love of reading. A tool of measurement for this would also include the checkouts and activity level of the participating students in the months following the summer reading program.

Presentation Question: If awarded a grant I would be willing, if asked, to make a presentation at a state or system youth event or via teleconference. Please indicate in the box Yes or No:

Presentation Answer: Yes

Nebraska Library Commission Youth Grant Program PROPOSED PROJECT BUDGET SPREADSHEET (figures rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount.)			
CATEGORY	Requesting from Nebraska Library Commission Youth Grant*	LOCAL FUNDS** At minimum, 10% cash match is required as part of the 25% local match.	TOTAL FUNDS
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Contracted Services	100		100

Library Materials	100		100
Personnel Costs		120	120
Program Materials-Supplies	0	80	80
Training			0
Equipment	350		350
Computer Equipment			0
Furniture	0		0
Operations and Maintenance			0
Promotion	125		125
Other	0		0
Total	575	200	755