



2018 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Library of Congress invites organizations committed to the advancement of literacy to apply for the 2018 Library of Congress Literacy Awards. Applications will be accepted from March 1 to April 30, 2018.

Created and supported by philanthropist David M. Rubenstein, the Literacy Awards Program is designed to broaden and stimulate public understanding of the essential role of literacy in all aspects of society.

Organizations may submit applications for one of three major prizes: the David M. Rubenstein Prize (\$150,000), the American Prize (\$50,000) and the International Prize (\$50,000). Applications in all categories will also be considered for Best Practice awards of \$5,000 each.

WHY APPLY?

In addition to receiving cash awards, winning organizations and best practices honorees have opportunities to participate in:

- A prestigious awards ceremony and reception at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.
- An annual conference that encourages peer-to-peer learning, best practices promotion and collaboration.
- A robust network of literacy professionals working all over the world.

The application, rules and other information are available at www.read.gov/literacyawards/.

The deadline for applications is midnight EDT, April 30, 2018.

IMPACT ON WINNERS AND HONOREES

“It is like a stamp of excellence.”

“The Library of Congress brand is a significant one. Being an honoree validates the quality of our work in the eyes of potential funders and partners.”

“There is huge validation receiving recognition from an organization as prestigious as the Library of Congress. In my opinion, it’s the highest honor!”

“The literacy award served to validate our work and inspire all of us.”

“Recognition from the Library of Congress helps us make the case for our programming and its importance. More and more people are interested in what we’re doing now.”

“We value the credibility that comes from such a prestigious institution. Participating in this event also resulted in new connections and relationships.”

“This is an immense honor and one that we are sharing with our partners, funders and thousands of people who have served with the program.”

“The Library of Congress is so well respected that there is no other award for literacy programs that matches it.”

“As a result of the award, we got the opportunity to travel to the Library of Congress and meet and learn from the other winners and honorees.”

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