Literacy Beyond Food

Tips & Tricks for a successful Talk Story Grant proposal
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What we’re talking about today

- Family Literacy + Talk Story
- Winning Examples + Tips
- Grant Info, Resources, Process
- Q + A
- Connect with us
What is family literacy?

- Parents, adults and children learning together
- Children influenced by the learning attitudes and literacy behaviors demonstrated by adults
What is Talk Story?

- To chat informally or to shoot the breeze
- A rambling personal experience mixed with folk materials [1]
- An oral tradition of history, mythology, genealogy, bedtime stories, and how-to stories that have been passed down through generations, an essential part of family and community life [2]

• Cloquet Public Library, Minnesota
• PS 64 Q The Joseph P. Addabbo School, New York
• Springdale Public Library, Arkansas
• Window Rock-Fort Defiance Lions Club, Arizona
• American Indian Health & Family Services, Detroit, MI
• Aniak Public Library, Alaska
• Chinese American Citizen’s Alliance, Washington D.C.
• Hopi Public Library, Arizona
Tips for Success

- Irvine International Academy - New school with language immersion need, 60% APIA, and over enrolled
- Novi Public Library - Intentionally identified distinct Asian communities, bilingual story time, addressed demographics

Clearly Demonstrate Need

- Springdale Public Library - Creating their own media (videos and book) based on existing collection
- Joseph P Adabbo School - Intergenerational reading buddy program
- Manoa Public Library - Community storytellers and recording sessions for future viewers

Unique programs

- Watching Totoro - screening 1 film based on popularity and is not representative of its APIA community
- Hosting luau event in a community that doesn’t serve many Pacific Islanders
- Who are the demographics?
- What are the needs and purpose of programming?

Vague, Unintentional

- No collaborations with community members organizations
- What is the cost of hosting a well-known author?
- What materials would be purchased?

Overbudget

- Creating their own media (videos and book) based on existing collection
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Grant Info

About
- 4 grants awarded - 2 $500 grants from APALA, 2 $500 grants from AILA
- Min. 25% of funds must be used for library materials
- Max. 10% of funds may be used for refreshments and decorations
- Support at least 1 APIA or AIAN themed program for children and their families
- Funds may be used for virtual programming

Resources Available
- Webinar
- Email us familylit@apalaweb.org
- Website: apalaweb.org/talkstorytogether
- Social Media: @talkstorytogether

Important Dates
- Application available December 1, 2021
- Applications due March 15, 2022
- Awards announced May 1, 2022
- Funds used by November 30, 2022

Application
apalaweb.org/talkstorytogether/grant
Q + A

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