Grant Program Overview

Center for the Study of Multicultural Children’s Literature (CSMCL) is an organization advocating for multicultural children’s literature which includes librarians, teachers, parents, caregivers, students, and experts in the field of children’s literature. CSMCL will award a $500.00 grant in selected multicultural children’s books to your library that serve children and their families who are having a Día library program, El Día de Los Niños/El Día de Los Libros (Children’s Day/Book Day) with an African American Focus. The Día grant is funded by the CSMCL in partnership with the Association of Library Services to Children (ALSC) and author Pat Mora, the founder of Children’s Day, Book Day/El día de los niños, El día de los libros; often known as Día.

Grant Eligibility

Libraries that serve children and their families who are having a Día program, El Día de Los Niños/El Día de Los Libros (Children’s Day/Book Day), with an African American Focus are eligible to apply. The Día event must be held on or about April 30, 2020.

Grant Award Amount

CSMCL will award a $500 grant in selected multicultural children’s books for your library. To verify the event, the winning library must submit 15 digital photos (as jpegs) of the Día event to CSMCL by sending the 15 jpegs via email (preferred) or on a USB flash drive via U.S. Mail no later than one week after the Día event.

Selection Criteria

Awardees will be selected based upon creativity and originality of the implementation of their 2020 Día program, El Día de Los Niños/El Día de Los Libros (Children’s Day/Book Day), with an African American Focus.

Grant Application

For an application regarding CSMCL’s 2020 Día grant program, contact Dr. Claudette S. McLinn, Executive Director, via email: CSMCL.org@gmail.com.

Grant Deadline and Award Announcement

Application must be received by March 2, 2020. Award will be announced on or about March 4, 2020.

FAX, email, or mail application to: Center for the Study of Multicultural Children’s Literature, c/o Dr. Claudette McLinn, Executive Director, 8461 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 101, Inglewood, CA 90305. The FAX number is 805.583.0207 and the email address is CSMCL.org@gmail.com.

For more information about El Día de Los Niños/El Día de Los Libros, go to the official Día sites: http://dia.ala.org/ and http://www.patmora.com