

## GRANT AWARD FORM

**Grant Award Form:** Please complete the Project Questions below and include this page in your Final Report materials submitted to the address below.

The information provided in question #1 - 5 should be the same as the information on your Urbana Arts Grant Agreement with the City.

1. **GRANTEE:** Name of Applicant or Primary Contact:

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2400 W. Bradley E108 Champaign 61821

Project Title:

Read Across America

2. **TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANT FUNDS AWARDED:** \$ 3700.00

3. **TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED TO DATE:** \$ 3700.00

4. **GRANT PERIOD:** \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

5. **EXPENDITURE DEADLINE:** \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

6. **DATE OF PROJECT COMPLETION:** March 1, 2014.



**PARKLAND  
COLLEGE**

April 1, 2014

I hereby certify that I am authorized to approve this Report, that I have reviewed the attached invoices in the amount of \$3700; that all costs claimed have been incurred for the Project in accordance with the Agreement between Read Across America and the city of Urbana; that all submitted invoices have been paid; and no costs included herein have been previously submitted.

*Aneri Kangerdorf*

**Read Across America  
Post-Project Evaluation**

**Accomplishments and how grant funds were utilized**

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Read Across America Community Celebration utilized funding from the Urbana Arts Grant to keep the event in Urbana and to incorporate professional storytelling into the event.

**The impact that the grant funds had on artistic or organizational development**

This year, Read Across America Celebration was able to continue having a family festival in Urbana due to the funding which was provided by the City of Urbana Arts Grant. The surveys that were completed by the parents who attended still indicate that Lincoln Square is the preferred location for this event. The space is large, yet it isn't too large for families who have young children to get around. They also conveyed that parking is ample. The grant also provided for ten local storytellers to perform during the entire event and enhance the festival. The professionalism of these storytellers engaged the children and their parents and made it an event that was worth attending, even for families who have attended for multiple years. Both children and adults were mesmerized by the performances.

**The number of hours spent**

The event was held between the hours of 10:00am to 1:00am, and it is overwhelming to conceive the amount of time that is needed to prepare for the event. But on March 1st, Lincoln Square was bustling as early as 7:00 am in order to set up for this event. The planning committee donated more than 500 hours in order to prepare for the event. There were 6 committee meetings this year, but many hours were spent by the co-chairs and committee members to make contacts with agencies and volunteers, to publicize the event, to prepare materials, to communicate with other sponsors and potential participants.

**The number of participants**

Again, more than 1000 children attended with their parents, grandparents and other community members. There were over 100 University students, Rotarians, Altrusans, Lincoln's Challenge cadets, Jr. League members and other community volunteers. More than fifty volunteers from various schools and agencies provided activities for young children throughout the mall. In all, it is estimated that almost 3,000 people were in Lincoln Square on March 1st.

**Description of experience working with collaborating partners**

We appreciated all the support that was received by the collaborating partners. This year, we had the privilege to work with Cynthia Chandler from the Urbana Business Association. Her experience and assistance was very valuable as our long-time News Gazette connection, Amy George, moved out of the state. Cynthia provided us with information and resources that were necessary to continue to have a professional event. She devoted herself to the committee by attending most of the meetings and making follow-up contacts. The Committee is composed of volunteers who represent various agencies and organizations in our community. This includes Altrusa International of Champaign-Urbana, The Champaign Public Library, the Urbana Free Library, Champaign County Retired Teachers Association, Child Care Resource Service, Community Elements, Illinois Early Intervention Clearinghouse, Ju Canto Spanish, Parkland College Adult Education, The Reading Group, Urbana Adult Education Center, Urbana Business Association, and the Urbana Park District.

**Additional Comments**

For the first year, we had to pay for advertising as the News Gazette no longer provided that in-kind donation. We had to pay 50% of the advertising, which costs over \$1500 this year. We are fortunate to have continued support each year from many different organizations, businesses and agencies.

For a video presentation of the event please see the presentation which has been completed by Driving Force Productions about one of the featured storytellers: Mike O'Brien and the Clothespin Puppets at Read Across America

<http://www.drivingforceproductions.com/projects.html>

Also see our featured storyteller from Chicago- Oba William King  
He opened Read Across America with this song (it was requested when seeing this on youtube.com of a previous performance) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xbxeevQ7o8s>

Local News Coverage

<http://www.wicd15.com/news/top-stories/stories/thousands-come-together-read-across-america-9806.shtml>

<http://www.illinoishomepage.net/story/d/story/read-across-america/27182/W8RrV2619Uie70BDVDJqAg>



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A picture tells a 1000 words



Fiscal Year 2014

GL Account 06-4040-55431-5409000

GL Account Description Urbana Festivals-Read Across : Other Material and Supplies

Date Range 07/01/13 - 06/30/14

Reference No.	Date	Source	Description	Amount
V0135270	03/03/14	PJ Purchase Journal	Urbana Business Association	1,200.00

Document subtotal before 07/01/13

Document subtotal after 06/30/14

1,200.00

Actuals pending posting 0.00

Document subtotal before 07/01/13 0.00

Document subtotal after 06/30/14 0.00

Grand Total 1,200.00

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Fiscal Year 2014

GL Account 06-4040-55431-5309000

GL Account Description Urbana Festivals-Read Across : Other Contractual Services

Date Range 07/01/13 - 06/30/14

Reference No.	Date	Source	Description	Amount
V0135061	02/27/14	PJ Purchase Journal	Sue Searing	150.00
V0135050	02/27/14	PJ Purchase Journal	Mike O'Brien	300.00
V0135039	02/27/14	PJ Purchase Journal	Elaine A. Bearden	300.00
V0135025	02/27/14	PJ Purchase Journal	Ms. Kate D. Kuper	150.00
V0135017	02/27/14	PJ Purchase Journal	Linda Dust	300.00
V0135008	02/27/14	PJ Purchase Journal	Ms. Patricia A. Hruby-Powell	300.00
V0135007	02/27/14	PJ Purchase Journal	Ms. Alice B. McGinty	300.00
V0135006	02/27/14	PJ Purchase Journal	Dawn Blackman	300.00
V0135005	02/27/14	PJ Purchase Journal	Kim E. Sheahan	150.00
V0135004	02/27/14	PJ Purchase Journal	Kathe Brinkmann	150.00
V0135003	02/27/14	PJ Purchase Journal	Aaron Carlin	100.00

Document subtotal before 07/01/13

Document subtotal after 06/30/14

2,500.00

Actuals pending posting 0.00

Document subtotal before 07/01/13 0.00

Document subtotal after 06/30/14 0.00

Grand Total 2,500.00

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