



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT of NATURAL and CULTURAL RESOURCES  
NH STATE LIBRARY

20 Park Street Concord, New Hampshire 03301

July 21, 2020

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Executive Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

1. Pursuant to RSA 4:8, Gifts to the State, authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR), State Library, to accept donations of \$1,500 and \$2,500 from the Cogswell Benevolent Trust and The Byrne Foundation respectively effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval.
2. Authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR), State Library to budget and expend \$8,177 (comprised of the above donations of \$4,000 and prior year carry forward funds in the amount of \$4,177), for the purpose of payment to NH public libraries for specific programming to support the NH Summer Reading Program (Kids Books and the Arts, or Summer Learning), upon Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2021.  
100% Other Funds (Donations)

Funds are to be budgeted in Fiscal year 2021 as follows:

03-35-35-350010-22700000 DNCR, State Library, NH Summer Reading Program

Class-Account	Description	FY21 Adjusted Authorized	Requested Change	Revised FY21 Adjusted Authorized
Revenue				
005-405837	Private Local Funds	0	(8,177)	(8,177)
	Total Revenue	0	(8,177)	(8,177)
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	0	8,177	8,177
	Total Expenses	0	8,177	8,177

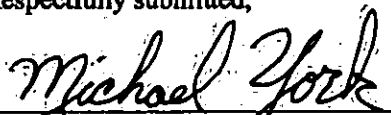
**EXPLANATION**

DNCR is requesting \$8,177.60 in carry forward fund revenue from the State Library Donations account to be appropriated for FY 2021. The NH Summer Reading Program is dedicated to supporting programming needs for New Hampshire public libraries during the summer reading months when school is not in session in order

to prevent a decline in literacy levels for K-12 students. This funding is for New Hampshire public libraries who apply for this money using specified criteria and are awarded funds based on the merit of their application, as reviewed by State Library staff.

Funds are being budgeted in class 102 for expenses related to contracts between NH public libraries and summer reading program providers.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael York, State Librarian



Sarah L. Stewart, Commissioner of DNCR

TRUSTEES

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CHARLES S. GOODWIN  
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COGSWELL BENEVOLENT TRUST  
1001 ELM STREET  
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January 15, 2020

Mr. Michael York  
State Librarian  
New Hampshire State Library  
20 Park Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Mr. York:


Your request for a grant of \$1,500 to support the Kids, Books and the Arts program has been approved.

Enclosed with our check for the full amount of the grant is a receipt that we ask you to sign and return to us at your earliest convenience. Thank you.


Sincerely yours,



Mark A. Northridge



Charles S. Goodwin



Peter G. Kachavos, M.D.  
Trustees

Enclosures



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20 Park Street · Concord, NH 03301

December 26, 2019

Mark A. Northridge  
Charles S. Goodwin  
Peter G. Kachavos, MD  
Cogswell Benevolent Trust  
1001 Elm Street  
Manchester, NH 03101

Dear Gentlemen:

The New Hampshire State Library is preparing for the 2020 Collaborative Summer Reading Program. *Imagine Your Story* is the slogan for the fairy tale, mythology and fantasy themed summer. As in previous years, a roster of artists including storytellers, musicians, and puppeteers has been chosen by a selection committee of librarians for the Kids, Books and the Arts Grants.

The State Library has received \$4,050 in funding from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts to support the 2020 Kids, Books and the Arts project. We will continue to offer KBA grants for arts programming again this year, but will also offer a new Summer Learning Grants program in 2020 that has had great success with sustainable positive outcomes in neighboring states.

The Summer Learning Grants will be open to libraries looking to increase their impact on summer learning loss for youth ages 5-18. These projects should address the disparities faced by low-income and underserved youth in the community. Projects may include multigenerational programming that engages caregivers in a child's learning, purchases of tech tools or circulating kits that will impact the community way past the summer, and healthy activities that complement a summer meals program, just to name a few ideas.

In order to provide sub-grants to as many libraries as possible, we depend on the help of New Hampshire businesses and organizations to match or supplement the grant award. May we please count again on the Cogswell Benevolent Trust to provide this valuable assistance to New Hampshire's public libraries and the children they serve? A donation of \$1500 or more would help bring quality programming to thousands of children and teens during the summer of 2020. Your support is truly appreciated and will be recognized in all of the project's publicity. Last year, thanks to the generosity of donors like you, 61 New Hampshire public libraries received KBA grants. With the added Summer Learning Grants, we expect the reach to libraries with small to no summer program budgets to really have a lasting impact on their communities.

The KBA and Summer Learning Grants both encourage partnerships with other organizations within their communities such as Parks and Recreation Departments and local daycares for farther reaching results. I would be happy to answer any questions that you have about Kids, Books and the Arts or the new Summer Learning Grants program. Please feel free to contact me at (603) 271-2397 or via e-mail at [Michael.York@dncr.nh.gov](mailto:Michael.York@dncr.nh.gov) or Deborah Dutcher, Youth Services Consultant at (603) 271-2865 or via e-mail at [Deborah.Dutcher@dncr.nh.gov](mailto:Deborah.Dutcher@dncr.nh.gov).

Sincerely,

Michael York  
NH State Librarian

**The Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation**  
**3 Laramie Road**  
**PO Box 599**  
**Etna, New Hampshire 03750**

**Dorothy M. Byrne**  
*President*

January 23, 2020

Michael York  
New Hampshire State Library  
Department of Cultural Resources  
Division of Libraries  
20 Park Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Mr. York:

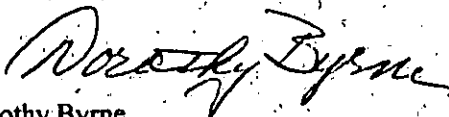
Thank you for your letter of December 26<sup>th</sup> with its details of the 2020 Collaborative Summer Reading Program.

I am pleased to continue my support for any educational experience that will benefit our youth.

My contribution of two thousand five hundred dollars is enclosed.

Have a good year.

Sincerely,

  
Dorothy Byrne



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Dorothy M. Byrne  
The Byrne Foundation  
3 Laramie Road  
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Would you please consider matching the amount we received from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts grant? Your donation to the New Hampshire State Library for the Kids, Books and the Arts program and or the Summer Learning Grants project would help us continue to bring quality programming to thousands of children and teens during the summer of 2020. Last year, thanks to the generosity of donors like you, 61 New Hampshire public libraries received KBA grants. With the added Summer Learning Grants, we expect the reach to libraries with small to no summer program budgets to really have a lasting impact on their communities.

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