

Writers in Residence in Libraries Mini-Grant

Program Overview

The Writers in Residence (WiR) program promotes writing in communities by connecting local, professional authors to serve as Writers in Residence at public libraries. Writers in Residence spend

time at the library during their residency composing new works and providing education for community members. The Arizona State Library's Writer in Residence program provides funds for stipends and marketing for two (2) writer's residencies, each for a three-month period. Applying libraries will select two authors, one for a residency from February-April and a second for May-July. Recipient libraries will receive a \$4,800 grant for writers' stipends, which is set at \$800 per month.

Important Dates	
Grant Application Due	November 14, 2022
First Residency	February 1, 2023 - April 30, 2023
Second Residency	May 1, 2023 - July 31, 2023
Final Report Due	August 31, 2023

Applications for WiR are due by **11:59 PM, November 14, 2022**. [Apply online here](#).

Recipients of the grant will be responsible for evaluating the program according to Institute of Museum and Library Services guidelines and will be required to submit a final report for the program by August 31, 2023.

NEW!!!

This notification marks the last time that WiR will be offered separately from other subgrants. Going forward, the Writers in Residence in Libraries Express Grant will be offered as part of the regular LSTA subgrant cycle. If you want to continue WiR in your library after August 2023, you must apply in March 2023 to be eligible for another cycle. Please see <https://azlibrary.gov/libdev/funding/lsta> for the LSTA 2023 guidelines.

Structure of the Program

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During each residency, the library provides a designated space for the resident to work and research during their time there, such as a study or meeting room. Residents are asked to spend 16 hours per week in the library. Included in these 16 hours are consultation hours and public programming time. During consultation hours, patrons can book a 30-minute individual appointment with the Writer in Residence. Public programming can take the form of workshops, readings, write-ins, or other writing activities that are open to the public and designed for groups. Writers in Residence are required to provide 4 consultation hours per week, and 2 public programs per month (hours flexible). The remainder of the 16 hours is the writer's, to be spent on their own work.

Although WiR is designed for in-person hosting and programs, if your author needs to offer virtual or hybrid programs, please contact the State Library to discuss this option prior to applying.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be an Arizona public or tribal library that meets the eligibility requirements to receive LSTA funds. Please see the grant guidelines on <https://azlibrary.gov/libdev/funding/lsta>.

Applicants must provide letters of support from two authors agreeing to participate in the library residency with the time and teaching requirements at the pay rate listed above.

Applicants must complete the online application by **11:59 PM on November 14, 2022**.

Review Criteria

Applications for WiR will be reviewed based on the writing and teaching experience writers selected, the library's capacity to execute the program, and overall community impact.

Strong Applications will include:

- Writers with a strong publishing track record, demonstrated teaching experience, and the ability to work with patrons of diverse skill levels and backgrounds.
- A library with sufficient space to host a writer for an extended period and previous experience hosting writing programs, author visits, or other creative programming events.
- Programming design that is innovative, promotes writing, supports connection between writers in the community, and meets the needs or aspirations of the target audience.

For More Information

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