



## Friends of the Oakland Public Library

2013 - 2014 Grants to the Oakland Public Library

Grant Total: \$180K

The Friends of the Oakland Public Library board approved a “wish list” of grants for the Oakland Public Library totaling \$174,000 in September 2013. To be spent during the fiscal year (October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014), these grants benefit every location and patrons of all ages.

### **Systemwide - \$112K**

#### **Children and Teen Services**

- Children’s Services – made possible in part by the Herman Auerbach Memorial Fund Trust II and a generous gift in memory of Oakland resident Steven G. Reuss
- Youth Poet Laureate Program
- Youth Leadership Council – stipends
- Training for computer volunteer docents (partnership with Community Technology Network)
- Summer Lunch Program refrigerators at three branch locations

#### **Adult Programs, Outreach and Support for Staff and Volunteers**

- Adult Summer Reading raffle prizes
- Bicycle locks for use by patrons
- Community Relations: Annual Report, promotional items for outreach events and volunteer recognition
- Staff recognition awards, hospitality fund, and training event
- Registration fee for OPL staff to participate in the Association for Library Service for Children Institute in Oakland September 2014
- iPad and other equipment to demonstrate ebooks and other digital services at outreach events
- Second Start Adult Literacy
- Scholarship Fund for OPL staff pursuing a Masters of Library and Information Science degree
- Innovative Public Programs Fund
- Director’s Discretionary

#### **Special Projects**

- 81st Ave Library Book Fund (final pledge payments from 2010 campaign)
- Makeover Fund for renovations at Brookfield, Dimond and Montclair branches

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### Branches, AAMLO & Main – Upgrades to Public Spaces — \$68,000

- African American Museum and Library at Oakland (AAMLO) — Upgrade to permanent exhibit and display banner light fixtures
- Asian – Stacking chairs for library programs and chairs for general seating
- Chavez – Stacking chairs and tables for library programs; expansion of book/media return
- Dimond – Cabinet and related equipment for a new Seed Library
- Eastmont – Furniture for TeenZone area
- Elmhurst – Replace book drop; tables for special events and programs; magazine rack for teen materials
- Golden Gate – Chairs for public computer stations; carpet to delineate the Teen space at this location
- MLK, Jr. – Projector, DVD player and portable movie screen for programs; Sign/blackboard to promote programs; area rug for children's room
- Melrose – Two rugs, for Teen and children's areas
- Piedmont – Tables for programs and collapsible book trolley for outreach activities
- Temescal – Toddler cooking range and chairs and sofa for children's area; chairs for public computer stations; folding tables for programs
- West Oakland – Lounge chairs; meeting room tables (10); public computer stations; display bins and multimedia player/recorder for children's programming
- Main – TeenZone – New chairs to replace well-used furnishings (4)
- Main – Children's Room – Toddler chairs and soft pillows for window nooks
- Main – Clean and refinish wooden chairs (20); motorized book cart; new greeter station for the lobby and related improvements

Note: The "Get to Know Your Grants" articles in FOPL's quarterly newsletter, Off the Shelf, provides updates to our members about how the Friends of OPL supports the Oakland Public Library. Back issues are in [our newsletter archive](#).