

Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces Application

Overview

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces project, offered by OCLC in partnership with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries, and with funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Before completing this application, please:

1. Read the participant overview for details about this project and requirements for participation. Send any questions to project manager Liz Morris at morrisl@oclc.org.
2. Before submitting, review all of the application questions in this PDF document and take time to prepare your responses. This is a competitive application process toward the selection of 15 libraries from across the United States.
3. Plan to submit your completed application by 5:00 p.m. PDT on Friday, October 21, 2016. Be sure to press “done” at the end of the application to submit your results—you’ll know it’s worked when you are redirected to a thank you page.

The information you submit in your application will be accessible to the *Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces* project team. Input from applications may be used in project reporting, but will not include any personally identifiable information.

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You and Your Library

* 1. Are you an employee of a public library in the United States?*(This opportunity is available specifically to public library staff members in the United States. Selecting “no” here will exclude you from consideration for participation.)*

Yes

No

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* 2. Please tell us a bit about yourself and your library.

Your first and last name:

Name of the library
building/branch you
work at:

Name of your library
system (if different from
above; skip if not
applicable):

Address of the library
building/branch you
work at:

City/town:

State:

ZIP:

Your email address:

3. If your library has a D-U-N-S Number, please provide it here:

* 4. Which of the following positions best describes your role at the library?

- Director
- Manager or Supervisor
- Librarian
- Assistant or Associate
- Page
- Other

Job title:

* 5. How many staff are employed at the building/branch that you work at?

Full-time staff:

Part-time staff:

* 6. Does your library building/branch serve a community of fewer than 25,000 people?

Yes

No

Unsure

Approximate population size of the community your library serves:

7. If you consider your community rural, please let us know why.

* 8. Please tell us about the community your library serves. What makes it unique and how might your library's participation in this project address community learning needs? (250 word limit)

* 9. Please provide a brief example of a time you engaged community members *and* partners to meet a local priority.

What was the perceived need or opportunity?

How did you gather community input/perspective?

Did you reach members of the community who may have otherwise been disconnected from library services? Who and how?

What partners did you engage and why?

What did you accomplish?

* 10. Regarding your library's physical space:

Why is investing in transformation of physical space to support active learning important to your library at this time?

What potential barriers or challenges do you see in changing your physical space, and how might you work to address them?

What strengths can your library bring to this process?

* 11. Where do you typically purchase supplies/materials for your library (i.e. furniture, lighting, shelving, décor, technology equipment)?

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Participation Details

- * 12. If selected to participate in this project, you will be your library's primary point of contact for all project activities. This will require ongoing accountability to the *Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces* project team, as well as the facilitation of significant input and decision-making within your library and community to meet all project goals. Please describe how you (and your supervisor, if applicable) will coordinate your responsibilities in order for you to be successful in this project. (250 word limit. Consider how your library building and desk will be staffed at times when you are working on this project, any policy implications that may come into play, your overall work schedule and how planning time fits in, and the need to facilitate administrative and community buy-in for this work.)

- * 13. Please describe your interest in or experience with online learning and collaboration.

What do you enjoy about it?

What do you find challenging?

What support do you need from the project team in order to feel successful as an online learner?

- * 14. Do you have regular access to an internet-connected computer or laptop, as well as an audio connection (telephone or audio through your computer, i.e. VoIP), to participate in online webinars and meetings and to access the online community of practice for this project? (Please note: tablets are not recommended for engagement with our learning system).

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

* 15. If selected to participate in *Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces*, will you be willing to participate in evaluation activities in support of the deliverables of this project? This may include pre- or post-participation surveys, focus groups or interviews, a site visit from project staff, gathering information from community members about your services, etc.

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

* 16. If selected, can you confirm that your library will work with OCLC to adhere to guidelines for the release or reimbursement of project funds for allowable expenses associated with your library's space transformation, per the terms defined in the [participant overview](#)?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

* 17. If selected, can you confirm that your library will sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with OCLC to clarify expectations and parameters for participation?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

18. Please share any additional questions or thoughts regarding your potential participation in *Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces*.