

# Prairielands Library Exchange

## 2024 Accessibility Grant

### **Purpose:**

**Assist Prairielands Library Exchange members to improve accessibility to their materials for all patrons.**

“Putting a focus on accessibility helps create a library which can be enjoyed by more people and can connect more people to the information and resources they need,” from [Prioritizing Accessibility and Disability Inclusion at Your Library](#) (accessed through WebJunction)

### **Program:**

PLE Governing Board has designated funds to support member libraries in enhancing services to their patrons, especially those whose primary language is not English or who represent diverse backgrounds in other ways. Libraries developing accessibility actions may apply for up to **\$1000.00** in support of their program(s).

An eligible expense under this grant might include decisions about expanding or creating collections, replacing standard monolingual signage with multilingual signage, technology that improves the patron experience, designing or improving a physical object or space, and managing the library's online presence to be accessible and inclusive.

Members may refer to WebJunction’s resources ([Successful Multilingual Programming, Building Authentic Relationships](#), as well as [Racial Equity in the Library, Part Two: Diverse Collections, Programming, Resources](#)) for further explanation of library accessibility and suggestions for actions that can be supported by this grant.

### **Participant requirements:**

Libraries receiving grants will be required to complete an application that will include a description of the supplies to be purchased, if applicable, and the actions to be taken to improve patron accessibility.

The partner libraries receiving grants must complete an evaluation form provided online. The evaluation will include a final description of the accessibility action taken, the number of patrons who may benefit from this action, stories and feedback from patrons and staff to show the benefit of the accessibility grant, and any other pertinent information the partner library wishes to share.

This evaluation **MUST** be completed; the reimbursement request will **NOT** be processed by Prairielands until the evaluation has been received. All advertising and promotional material should include the language “Sponsored by Prairielands” and the organization’s logo (if applicable) on it somewhere.

### **Grant process:**

Complete an online application at [www.prairielands.org](http://www.prairielands.org) by Thursday, March 21, 2024. Prairielands will send notification of approval of funding with a Request for Reimbursement form. Request for reimbursement must include:

Completed Request for Reimbursement form

Paid receipts

Completed evaluation

**Note:** Checks can only be written to a library or organized library group, not to an individual.

**Request for Reimbursement and Evaluation are due to Prairielands Library Exchange by Friday, May 3, 2024.**