



**2009 Public Library Application**  
**for**  
***21st Century Innovation - Library Technology Grant funding***  
**from the 2008 Texas Book Festival (TBF)**

<p>Has this library <b>applied</b> for a TBF Technology Grant in the past? __ No __ Yes</p> <p>_____ 2004 _____ 2005 _____ 2006 _____ 2007</p>
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**Name of library:** \_\_\_\_\_

*If branch, provide headquarters library:* \_\_\_\_\_

**If awarded a grant – name of library/foundation for check:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**County:** \_\_\_\_\_ **System:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Library Director's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone & E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Hours available for questions and notification:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Information about library:**

*Number of full-time library staff:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Current total branch budget:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Current library branch materials budget:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount requested:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (not to exceed \$5,000)

If an award is received, it is agreed that this library will submit a progress report including an accounting of funds by December 31, 2009. This report should be submitted to the Texas Book Festival office, 610 Brazos, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78701.

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**Signature of Head Librarian** **Date**

*Branch library applications must have signature of library director.*

## **2009 Public Library Applications for 21st Century Innovation - Library Technology Grant from the 2008 Texas Book Festival**

**Five \$5,000 21st Century Innovation - Library Technology grants will be awarded to five Texas public libraries.**

Although technology is not “new” it is even more important for today’s community members to be technologically literate. Just as it is imperative that people read, people must be able to take advantage of the technology resources that offer information in a variety of formats and through a variety of delivery methods. With these grant funds, a public library might be able to begin a new program outright or partner with a community group with library dollars to:

- Assist in the purchase of distance education equipment and connectivity for your library
- Pay for installation charges for Internet connectivity
- Assist in the funding of wireless projects for Internet and laptop use
- Provide for training for librarians and community members invited for getting the library online or on getting the library’s connection upgraded
- Assist in paying for upgrade charges such as a library moving from DSL to broadband
- Assist in paying for Internet Service Provider charges for a year
- Provide funding for consultants to assess how libraries might connect or upgrade or staying up to date (since many are connected)
- Provide funding for publicity and promotion/marketing programs for libraries who wish to advertise their service or their “new” service such as wireless
- Provide or replace computer hardware for public use
- Provide computer software for public use
- Provide funding for a consultant for training others or to design library web pages – these websites could then be mounted and then branded as supported by TBF Grant funding
- Some examples of innovation are adding kiosks or self-check machines, adding technology that allows RFID or that checks the barcoded books in automatically. Perhaps adding flat screen panels and low profile computers for space savings or portable computer stations that can be moved as needed

Type your responses to the following questions in the spaces provided. Every section of this application must be completed for the application to be reviewed. No attachments will be considered. Please note the points assigned to each section.

1. **GRANT DESCRIPTION** (Total 30 points)

a. Please give a **brief** statement of **how you will use** Book Festival award money to implement a 21st Century Innovation - Library Technology Grant in your public library this coming year. (10 points)

b. Describe the **need(s) you have identified in your community** and state how the Book Festival award will be used to meet the needs identified. (10 points)

- c. Describe **who in your community and how they will benefit** from this award. (10 points)

#### **PUBLICITY / PROMOTION**

2. Describe **what you will do to actively promote** the 21st Century Innovation - Library Technology Grant for new services and programs or support of your existing services and programs. (10 points)

**3. PROPOSED BUDGET (not to exceed \$5,000)**

Give an estimated budget for funds needed and a brief timeline that would ensure expending these funds within a calendar year of receiving your funding. (Book and materials money should be requested for this grant application. For purchasing collections for your needs, applicants should apply for the materials/books funds.) (10 points)

Area of Expenditure	Materials	\$
Resources/ Supplies		
ie. Equip/hard/ software		
Staffing		
ie. Service Consultants		
Other		
Publicity		

\*\*\*The budget is an important component of the selection process.\*\*\*

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Three (3) copies of this application should be postmarked no later than January 12, 2009. Applications received with postmarks prior to November 3rd, 2008 will be returned. No faxed or e-mail applications will be accepted. Mail to: Texas Book Festival Awards, Texas Library Association, 3355 Bee Cave Road, Suite 401, Austin, Texas 78746-6763.