

Play and Grow Project 2024

Application Questions

The Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 on behalf of The Pennsylvania Department of Education, Office of Commonwealth Libraries, is accepting applications from public libraries to participate in the Play & Grow Library Project. The goal of the Play & Grow project is to assist libraries without a full-time children's librarian in creating high quality preschool programming and creating early childhood areas that have high appeal to families with young children birth to entering Kindergarten. This opportunity uses federal funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through the Library Sciences and Technology Act (LSTA).

For your reference, the application questions for this project are listed below. Only online applications will be accepted; use [this link](#) to submit your application.

Application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2023

Section 1: Library and Contact Information

1. Library Legal Name
2. Library District
3. County
4. Library Street Address
5. Library City, State, and ZIP Code
6. Contact Person Name
7. Contact Person Title
8. Contact Person Email
9. Contact Person Phone Number
10. Library Director Name
11. Library Director Email
12. Library Director Phone Number
13. Does the library employ a youth services staff member?
14. If you answered "No" please explain who conducts children's programming at your library. You may also use the field below to clarify or give more information about your response to question 13.
15. Youth Services Staff Experience Level
16. What collections, services, and programs does your library currently provide for families with children under the age of five?
17. How will your library and community benefit from the Play & Grow project and training?

Section 2: Community Information

18. Library Service Area Community Type (rural, suburban, urban, etc.)
19. Library Service Area Population
20. Tell us a little about your community
21. Name(s) of School District(s) in your library's service area
22. Percent of Economically Disadvantaged Students in each school district listed above.

The percentages requested can be found using the Future Ready Index website:

<https://www.futurereadypa.org/>

This response can be found under "District Fast Facts."

23. Percentage of students who demonstrate on-track performance at 3rd Grade (Percent 3rd Grade Reading)

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For this response, you will need to view each elementary school with a 3rd grade in the district individually; the numbers aren't reported district wide. Click on the school name, then "On Track Measures" at the bottom center of the page.