

Texas State Library and Archives Commission**Texas Reads FY2016****Organization Information**

Type:	Tom Green County Library System
Legal Entity:	Tom Green County
Address:	33 W Beauregard Ave
City, State Zip:	San Angelo, TX 76903-5834
Employer Identification Number:	756001184
DUNS Number:	047547104
SAM Exp. Date:	2015-08-06

Grant Information

Type:	Texas Reads
Fiscal Year:	2016
Application ID:	1732
Term:	09-01-2015 to 08-31-2016
Federal Award Number:	LS-00-15-0044-15
CFDA Number:	45.310

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SAM (System for Award Management) Registration Expiration Date: 2015-08-06

U.S. Congr. Distr No.: 11

State Senate Distr. No.: 28

State House Distr. No.: 72

Contact Persons

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Proposed Funding Sources

a. TSLAC grant:	3000
b. Other federal gov't funds:	
c. Other state funds:	
d. Local funds:	6200
e. Miscellaneous:	
TOTAL:	9200

Is the applicant delinquent on any Federal debt? NO

Signature

I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the statements made in this application are true, that the information provided is correct, and that I am authorized to enter into legally binding commitments on behalf of the applicant organization.

Application Completed by:

Marcy Bosequett Date: 02-23-15

Application Approved by:

Steven Floyd, County Judge

Date: 2-24-15

Approved by Signature Name:

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Approved by Job Title:

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Budget Table for Fiscal Year 2016

(20 points)

Capitalization Level: 0

Budget Category	Grant Funds	Other Funds(if applicable) (\$)	Description	Total Costs (\$)
Personnel	0	0		0
Fringe Benefits	0	0		0
Equipment/Property	0	0		0
Supplies (incl. Library Materials)	3000	2200	TSLAC: \$1600 for Kitanai's Healthy Habits books & \$1400 for toothbrushes, nail brushes, jump ropes & food for demos. Other funds: \$2200 for Hank books, incentives, hats for readers, bookmarks, DVDs on active lifestyles, nutrition etc.	5200
Supplies-Equipment	0	0		0
Services	0	0		0
Consultant Fees	0	4000	Cost to have John Erickson come to San Angelo	4000
Total Direct Costs				
Indirect Costs	0			0
Rate:				
Base:				
Totals		6200		9200

Expected program income:

None

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Narrative

Project Location:

- San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas

Project Title:

- On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!

Project Director (Name & Title):

- Sally Meyers, Children's Librarian

Has the TSLAC Library Development Consulting Staff reviewed a draft of this application?

- Yes

If yes, provide the Consultant's Name:

- Erica McCormick

New program?

- No

Program Abstract:

- TSLAC Texas Reads funds are being sought to immerse children who come to the summer reading programs in the themes of wellness & fitness. "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!" will provide the children with copies of 4 health related books by Thomas Kingsley. Over the course of 43 program times, children will learn about healthy choices and behaviors from guest speakers and activities to reinforce what has been read. For example, a dental hygienist will present her program after the children have read "Kitanai and Cavity Croc Brush Their Teeth;" a Yoga or Tai Chi instructor for the fitness book; a chef and dietitian for healthy eating, etc. A new aspect this year will be including an emphasis on our non-fiction books that support these themes and how to locate them in the library. In addition, in anticipation of this program TGCL is expanding its collection of self-improvement/ health DVDs for children. Children will be encouraged to use reading logs and earn reading certificates and medals.

1. Needs Assessment (20 points): Describe why the program is needed in the community.

- Tom Green County in West Texas has the only public library of appreciable size in all of the 13 counties that make up the Concho Valley. TGC Library has three locations, all in San Angelo, which has a population of 110,000. Too many of our children are at risk academically as the following demonstrates: SAISD reports a 56% poverty rate overall (2015 enrolment of 15,155); schools in the poorest areas have rates nearing 90%. The US Census Bureau shows 24% of homes in San Angelo as having a language other than English being the primary language of the home. Distress in families can also be measured in grandparents taking parental roles (approximately 3,000 families) and 50% of births are to single moms. Clearly, a substantial number of San Angelo's and Tom Green County's children are at risk academically. The National Center for Education Statistics reports that 4 year olds living in poverty are far less likely to be proficient in letter, number and shape recognition than their peers above poverty. TGC Library takes very seriously its mission to "provide the tools and resources that will afford each resident of the County the opportunity to succeed..." We use Texas Reads funds to directly address these issues.

2. Program Purpose (20 points): Describe the program goals, audience, intended outcomes, and relationship to the library long-range plan or goals.

- TGC Library strives to provide programs and resources that enable every child to be ready to read when they enter school and to be successful throughout their education.

"On Your Mark, Get Set, Read," will begin as soon as school is out for the summer with at least weekly programs at all three TGCL locations. Children from throughout the County will have received schedules of summer activities at the annual "Read to Me!" march around the courthouse in April 2016 and at their schools. TGCL's focus is on schools from particularly economically challenged areas. Teachers are encouraged to promote participation during the summer. We believe it is important for the children to own their own books that they can read over and over. They are also encouraged to come to the library every week, to have library cards and to fill up their reading logs over the summer so they will earn the TSLAC certificate and medal. These successes make for life-long readers and library users.

The summer programs serve the Texas Reads expectations:

Participants read more. (book lists on each weeks subject will be given out)

Participants enjoy reading and they will be incorporating healthy lifestyles and choices. (cards may be filled out with changes to make in lifestyle)

Participants will have greater confidence in their reading ability and making choices to be healthy. (Child will be asked to draw pictures of healthy choices)

Participants report increased participation in reading programs at the library.

3. Program Design (20 points): Provide a detailed description of the program and its activities. Describe any collaboration planned with other community organizations.

- Prolific author, John Erickson (Hank the Cowdog books) will be in San Angelo in April to conduct the 25th annual "Read To Me" march and our Mayor's Declaration of an all-city "Read To Me" will promote TGCL summer programs. In March, 2016, Children's Librarian, Sally Meyers, will visit elementary schools to promote upcoming summer programs and in May schools will receive professionally printed brochures listing summer programs at all locations, for the children to take home.

June--- first WEEK kick off the "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!" program. This event will be for patrons city-wide. The HEB Food Stores mascot will be present to launch the 2016 TSLAC themes of wellness and fitness.

Community collaborators:

Friends of the Library

Community Hospital's Chef

Texas Extension Agency

Coaches & Athletes from Angelo State University and Central High School

Tai Chi, Yoga and Tai Kwon-do instructors

HEB Food Stores Mascot

YMCA staff

SAM's stores (donates in-kind water & healthy snacks)

San Angelo Standard Times (to promote programs)

The 4 books to be purchased are:

"Kitanai and Hungry Hare Eat Healthfully"

"Kitanai and Lazy Lizard Get Fit"

"Kitanai and Filthy Flamingo Wash Up"

"Kitanai and Cavity Croc Brush Their Teeth"

Each child will get a healthy snack; an exercise band or jump rope; nail brush; and toothbrush respectively.

Each program will include a related topic to discuss, demonstrate and in which the children will actively participate, eg, use the jump rope, practice scrubbing with the nail brush, etc.

The healthy snacks theme will run through the entire summer as children will receive samples and families will be asked to contribute recipes that will go into a small cookbook to be given out at the end of July. (produced in house)

Another incentive for each child to return throughout the summer will be their ability to earn beads to make a necklace. At each program they will be rewarded for participation with a bead for turning in small assignments such as printing out a healthy life choice or drawing a picture of a good snack or activity.

4. Timetable (10 points): Provide a timetable of program activities.

- March: TGCL's Children's Librarian visits schools to encourage participation in April march and throughout the summer Juniors & Seniors are trained to be readers at the march.

April: Read To Me! March around the Courthouse and Mayor's Proclamation for Reading.

There will be a grand program kick-off in early June with the popular HEB Food Stores mascot. Representatives from the branches and the Children's Librarian will explain summer programming and provide reading logs and schedules.

Programs for 1st to 5th graders will occur on 8 Mondays that will focus on wellness, fitness, nutrition and how to find related materials using the Dewey Decimal system and the PAC. Experts from the community will provide the programs on topics such as a Yoga instructor, nutritionist, coaches, YMCA staff, etc.

The children's programs will occur on 18 days (Wed & Thurs) in June and July during regularly scheduled Stories and Songs. Participants will receive bookmarks showing books available in the children's department on wellness and being physically fit. In addition, they will receive mini coloring books on nutrition & exercise.

Angelo West Branch will provide "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!" programs on 8 Tuesdays in June and July.

North Angelo Branch will provide "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!" programs on 9 Saturdays for all ages.

Reading logs from all locations will be turned in by July 31 and incentives and healthy snack cookbooks (made in-house) will be given out.

In total, there will be 43 separate programs over the summer.

5. Evaluation (10 points): Evaluation (10 points): Describe how the anticipated outcomes will be measured. Please note that a draft survey instrument will be provided to all funded applicants.

- Book displays will be set up each week at each location relating to wellness subjects. We will use a daily point of service tally to reflect checkout. We will also record in-house usage.

Library staff will know how many beads were distributed over the two months and children returning for programs will have ever growing necklaces.

Attendance at events will be kept by signing participants in when they arrive.

Surveys will be given to participants at the kick-off in June. In July evaluation forms will reflect how families have used our programming to encourage children to read and make healthy choices.

At the end of July, as reading logs are collected, each child will be asked if they can find health and activity materials using the PAC and/or the shelving system with answers recorded and tallied.

We will connect with the teachers before school lets out for the summer to survey regarding the Read to Me March held in April: Their own response to our "Read to Me" event; Are the children reading more? Is the teacher reading to classes?