



WVLS Innovation and Collaboration Grant Application

5. Agreement

By applying:

- I acknowledge that any unused grant funds will be reimbursed to WVLS within 30 days of the completion of the project.
- I acknowledge that I will submit a written or oral report to WVLS within 60 days of the completion of the project.
- Should the project or service not be completed, I understand that the library may be required to reimburse WVLS for the full grant amount.

Kinship; Collaboration Organization

Director/Manager Signature Patti Hergenroth - Executive Director

Date 5-24-18

St. Mary's; Collaboration Organization

Director/Manager Signature Bita Lee - Principal

Date 5-24-18

Library Director/Manager Signature Shelbi O'Hare - Director

Date 5-24-18

To be completed by the Library Board President

If granted the WVLS Innovation and Collaboration Grant, Tomahawk Public Library (name of applicant) has the library board's permission to implement the new program as stated above. The Library Board understands:

- That any unused grant funds will be reimbursed to WVLS within 30 days of the completion of the project.
- That the Director or Manager shall be required to submit a written or oral report to WVLS within 60 days of the completion of the project.
- That should the project or service not be completed or the reporting requirements are not fulfilled, the library may be required to reimburse WVLS for the full grant amount.

Library Board President's Name Rejeana Ebert

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Date 5-25-18



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1. WVLS Member Library Applicant Information

Name: Heidi O'Hare

Library Name & Phone Number: Tomahawk Public Library; 715-453-2455

Library Type: Public

Population Served by Your Library: 3,346 + service area

Is this the first time your library is applying for this grant? Yes

2. Collaboration Partner Information

Name: Patti Hilgendorf, Executive Director

Organization Name/Number: Kinship of Tomahawk, KinsKlub & Kinskids; 715-453-1910

Organization Purpose: Kinship of Tomahawk improves lives by establishing quality relationships between individuals and caring volunteers for the purpose of promoting stability, support, friendship, and community.

KinsKlub: Kinsklub is an after school program for the youth in the kinship program. KinsKlub meets on Mondays and Wednesday from 3:30-5:30 for grades K-5 and Tuesdays and Thursday for grades 6-12 from 3:30-5:30 at the Kinship House. While here, Kinskids get help with homework, do crafts and other fun activities, participate in nutrition education and 4-H, and build positive relationships with the adult volunteers.

Population Served by Your Organization: 46 + students and their families

Is this the first time your organization is applying for this grant? Yes

3. Collaboration Partner Information

Name: Rita Lee, Principal

Organization Name/Number: St. Mary's Catholic School in Tomahawk; 715-453-3542 ext.1

Organization Purpose: St. Mary's school is an integral ministry of the parishes of St. Mary, St. Augustine, and St. Francis of Assisi. We welcome 3-year-old preschool to grade 5 students from tomahawk, Wisconsin and the surrounding areas. Our commitment to high quality, faith-based education is founded on the mission of the Catholic Church. We foster a Christian community of loving, knowledgeable, and faithful servants of Christ by sharing god's word and instilling



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catholic values. We strive to develop the whole child through prayer, family involvement, service, and excellence in education.

Our Philosophy

- Provide a safe, nurturing, and secure environment in which students can encounter the living God, who in Jesus Christ reveals His transforming love and truth.
- Partner with parents to support students in their learning and in their search for knowledge, meaning, and truth.
- Provide opportunities for regular prayer and worship.
- Integrate Catholic faith with all learning.
- Create a Catholic climate that contributes to the foundation of students and families as active participants in the parish community.
- Promote life-long learning that advances the development of the whole person - mind, body, and spirit.
- Foster a culture of educational excellence through critical thinking skills, innovative and rigorous curriculum standards, a global perspective and emphasis on moral education, community, and service.
- Graduate students who are prepared to become productive, virtuous citizens and church leaders who will fashion a more humane and just world.

Population Served by Your Organization: Student enrollment for 2018-19 is 80, projected 85

Is this the first time your organization is applying for this grant? Yes

4. Explanation of the Use of Grant Funds

(Between 3-5 pages)

- Describe your innovative program or service. Explain what makes it innovative.

Tomahawk Public Library, Kinship, and St. Mary's believe the S.T.E.A.M. bin program is innovative because we are helping the children and community reach their full educational potential by sharing resources in different locales and programs. Having an open mind and sharing resources is a difficult process and we are banding together to reach children's minds and expand their knowledge in subjects they may not be exposed to weekly. I believe that the more we share, the better we will make this world and help shape the minds we are creating. Children are our future; let's give them the best possible educational environment to live in. That is why we are proposing a shared resource: S.T.E.A.M. bins. The Tomahawk Public Library will create S.T.E.A.M. bins that have materials for Kinship, St. Mary's, and other organizations to check out and use at their program or school. The library will also have the benefit of S.T.E.A.M. materials for our programs: afterschool, early release, vacation, and summer. Working together we can promote an enlightening world in the Tomahawk area.



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- Describe how this program or service is collaborative.

The Tomahawk Public Library proposes to collaborate with Kinship and St. Mary's to collectively develop and sustain a school and after school program with S.T.E.A.M. materials in bins to travel and be used in different locations. We also hope to add other collaborators, like 4-H, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, homeschool, and others. Tomahawk Public Library realizes that a community that works together will create stronger minds in the youth of tomorrow. The more exposure children have to positive experiences, the more they will engage and learn. The Tomahawk Public Library also feels that the more we are part of the community, the more comfortable the community will be coming to the library. Children are our patrons and future supporters. At the library and other places, we hope that the more children hear about the library, the more they will want to routinely come to the library. A youth will follow when given a path to knowledge.

The Tomahawk Public Library proposes to partner with Kinship to further develop and sustain an after school program. Currently, the Tomahawk Public Library has no after school program. We are looking at ways we can help support the Kinship programs to enrich the lives of the children in the different programs at Kinship. Kinship of Tomahawk was established as a result of the community roundtable held by Tomahawk Together of February 14, 1997. At the end of the roundtable, a youth mentoring program and family resource center were the top two needs determined by the community. KinsKlub works with families that financially cannot afford an after school program where children will get help with homework, do crafts and other fun activities, participate in nutrition education, and build positive relationships with mentors. The library wishes to participate in the education and positive adult relationships, so that the child can connect with the library and what it has to offer. We have just started a bin reading program with Kinship this winter. In January, we discussed how we could help with the Kinship program. The library now has a book bin, at least 30 books changed out every two weeks. It has been a wonderful success, the children have always had a book shelf to use at Kinship but the book bin is always full of new and different books.

Currently, St. Mary's has Annette read to the younger children at school and the older students come to the library once a month for a field trip with an activity. The Tomahawk Public Library would like to continue this relationship and offer even more support by having S.T.E.A.M. bins available to the classrooms. St. Mary's would not be able to afford the space or materials for a S.T.E.A.M. area but they can have a bin or one type of S.T.E.A.M. materials set up in the art room or classrooms.

- Outline the goal of the program or service. How does this project align with your library's mission? How will your library community benefit from this project? Provide specific examples.



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Our mission is to provide “service to all individuals in the community... and other materials selected to aid the individual in the pursuit of education, information, pleasure or research, and in use of leisure time.”

We believe that working with Kinship and St. Mary's allows us to do outreach into the community. By working with other community entities, we reach children and families that may not be currently be using the library. Since participating for the first time in the WJJQ Tomahawk Home Show this past spring, I realized that we have families in the area that did not know we existed or what we have to offer.

The Tomahawk Public Library wants to expand our educational factor to provide for the educational needs of our children and families. The only way to help children and families is to present the possibilities and dream with them. Financial hardship should not be a reason why a child is not exposed to the fun and exciting world of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. S.T.E.A.M has opened new doors to children, to gain more knowledge and learn concepts beyond the moment of fun. The partnership can create even more of the moments to enrich children's lives inside and outside the library. I truly believe that what we show and create with children today will lead them to an enlightened future!

Mission Statement of the Tomahawk Public Library

The Tomahawk Public Library provides service to all individuals in the community. Its objectives include the provision of books and other materials selected to aid the individual in the pursuit of education, information, pleasure or research, and in use of leisure time.

The library provides service to all in the community within the context of library objectives, regardless of race, creed, color, sex, occupational or financial position. The library upholds the principles of intellectual freedom and provides information and materials that reflect all points of view. The library exists to serve the unique cultural, informational, educational and rehabilitate needs of the community.

Thus it is the mission of the Tomahawk Public Library to assemble and preserve books and related materials in organized collections and to administer and promote their use, to provide access to information that has immediate relevance and interest to the community.

- Provide a timeline for this project. What will happen and when?

The following will take place in 2018

June - July	Purchase the materials for the S.T.E.A.M bins
June - August	Label and create list of each item for the S.T.E.A.M bins
July - August	Discuss the S.T.E.A.M programming bins and train staff for use at the Tomahawk Public Library



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August	Discuss the S.T.E.A.M programming bins and train for use with Kinship and St. Mary's (Ready for the start of school)
August/Sept	Have public open house on new materials for kids, parents, Tomahawk and the greater community, 2 to 3 days in our community room
September 4	School starts and have bins available for Kinship and St. Mary's
October	All unused funds will be reimbursed to WVLS
October or Nov	Director Heidi O'Hare will prepare a written or oral report to share with WVLS and Tomahawk Public Library Board.

- Provide anticipated expenses, including funds from the grant and each participating agency.

WVLS Innovation and Collaboration Grant - S.T.E.A.M. Materials and Supplies Budget Request:

1,300.00	Lego Sets & Motorized Mechanisms sets
1,300.00	Q-BA-Maze Sets
900.00	magnet tile sets & supplies
825.00	1 Keva Planks School Packs, Keva Builder Sets & Keva supplies
90.00	6 -Keva Junior Brain Builders Set
600.00	10 STEM Robot Mouse Coding Activity Set
600.00	3 Teacher Greek, Wiggle-bots Activity Kit, Super 10 pack & supporting components
<u>160.00</u>	<u>4 Let's Go Coding Activity Set</u>
5,775.00	Total

S.T.E.A.M. Budget provided by Tomahawk Public Library Donations & Tomahawk Friends of the Library:

300.00	2 Racks for storage
200.00	Bins
100.00	Cart
<u>50.00</u>	<u>Informational Binders & Handouts</u>
650.00	Total

- Address how this project will be sustained in the future.

Tomahawk Public Library, Kinship and St. Mary's are established community entities that have the staff to support training and new S.T.E.A.M. materials we purchase in the future. We will continue to share and grow the materials.

The Future funding would be supported by the Tomahawk Public Library, Friends of the Tomahawk Public Library, and donations. I also believe that in this small town community we would be able to find other financial supporters. That way we can continue to purchase materials and volunteer support.



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Our community does support programs in amazing ways. This winter, we started a monthly after school game board event. I asked for donations; my goal was \$200.00 to start the purchasing of games. We received \$725.00 within three weeks.

- Explain how your program will be evaluated.

Evaluation is always a difficult science. Each partner will be asked for a number count of users and survey with each S.T.E.A.M. bin check out. Also, I will have a meeting with each partner at least once a semester; to discuss and evaluate the process and suggestions on changes or improvements to be implemented. I will also be asking about new resources and materials ideas.