

2009 Ezra Jack Keats Minigrant Program For Public Schools and Public Libraries Grant Summary

Grant Overview: Created by the children's book author and illustrator, the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation accepts applications from public schools and libraries anywhere in the United States and its protectorates for program or event mini-grants of \$500 each.

Creative programs funded in the past have included ongoing pen-pal projects bringing disparate communities together; multi-cultural portrait projects; art projects culminating in art shows, murals, or quilts; bookmaking; creation and performance of puppet shows; and inter-generational journals.

Only one application will be considered from each library or school.

Funds will not be granted for general operating costs, administrative costs, transportation of the audience, or purchase of books or equipment unrelated to a specific program described. Applications for programs being held in any type of private or parochial school or library will not be considered.

Amount of Award: \$500

Due Date/Notification of Award: September 15, 2009. Notification in December, 2009.

Alternatives if not Awarded: The project will not take place without the grant funding, and must be funded entirely through the awarded monies only. No additional funds may be used to complete the proposed activities.

WCSD Resources Required: None.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to encourage any school library within the Warren County School District to apply for Ezra Jack Keats Mini-grant funding, to be used for a creative student program along the guidelines set by the funder.