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**Would you like to have Prime Time Family Reading Time®**

**at your library or school in 2020?**

**PRIME TIME FAMILY READING TIME®** is a six week reading, discussion, and storytelling program held at public libraries. A university scholar and a storyteller (who act as discussion leaders) conduct weekly storytelling and discussion sessions based on award-winning children's picture books. Participants are elementary age children and their families.

**What does PRIME TIME do?** It reinforces the role of family as a major social and economic unit; it trains parents and children to bond together around the act of reading; it teaches parents and children to read and discuss humanities topics such as fairness, greed, honor, and deceit; it encourages low-literacy, low-income parents to enter or continue their own educational programs; it helps parents and children learn how to select books and become active library users. Prime Time is a powerful tool to stimulate communication between children and parents.

**http://www.kyhumanities.org/**

**http://www.leh.org/html/primetime.html**

Kentucky Humanities and Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives

will select at least 10 public libraries (statewide) or public schools (statewide)

to host Prime Time Family Reading Time® projects in 2020.

Participating libraries/schools will receive

* assistance engaging and paying a scholar and a storyteller
* training for a librarian project manager along with the scholar and storyteller in February 2020
* training and program management manuals
* use of a set of books containing 25 copies of each picture book to be discussed
* reimbursement for participants who need assistance with travel
* reimbursement for a childcare provider and translator (if needed)
* gift books for program families
* assistance and support from Kentucky Humanities

Participating libraries will be expected to

* provide adequate space for approximately 50 participants
* designate a staff member to be the project manager
* recruit approximately 20 families to participate in the program
* work with community partners to enroll families considered ‘at risk’ because of low literacy skills, low income, or low educational levels
* provide a simple meal before each discussion
* provide door prizes for participants
* designate a staff member or preschool coordinator provider to conduct a story hour program for younger siblings during the discussions
* create and present simple library commercials each week to inform participants about services offered by the library
* register all participating families for library cards
* complete registration forms for participants, evaluations of the program, and simple financial forms

**If you want your library to be considered to be a 2019 Prime Time site, please complete the attached form. Libraries or schools that have previously sponsored Prime Time programs will be considered. Selections will be based on geographic distribution of potential sites and availability of scholars and storytellers in the areas.**

**Yes, please consider my library/school**

**for a 2020 Prime Time Family Reading Time® project**

**This form can also be submitted online at www.kyhumanities.org**

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If selected, I would like to run the program: (please mark first and second choice)

\_\_Jan/Feb \_\_Mar/Apr \_\_Apr/May \_\_Jun/Jul \_\_Jul/Aug \_\_Aug/Sept \_\_Oct/Nov \_\_Nov/Dec

**If selected to sponsor a Prime Time project, my library will be able to fulfill the following expectations:**

* designate a staff member to be the site coordinator (project manager)
* send site coordinator to training in February 2020
* provide adequate space for approximately 50 participants
* recruit approximately 20 families to participate in the program
* work with community partners to enroll families considered ‘at risk’ because of low literacy skills, low income, or low educational levels
* provide a simple meal before each discussion
* provide door prizes for participants
* designate a person to conduct a story hour program for younger siblings during the discussions
* create and present simple library commercials each week to inform participants about services offered by the library
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**Signed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**(Library/School Contact person)**

**Questions? Please call**

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**Submit applications to KH by September 30, 2019**