

Updated List of Library Grants (Spring 2026)

1. **Dollar General Youth Literacy Grant**
 - **Official Link:** dgliteracy.org/grant-programs
 - **Status:** The 2026 application cycle for Youth Literacy closed on April 2, 2026. The Summer Reading cycle typically closes in February. Applications for the next cycle will reopen in early 2027.
2. **AASL Innovative Reading Grant**
 - **Official Link:** ala.org/aasl/awards/innovative
 - **Status:** Applications for the 2026 cycle closed on February 1, 2026. The next application window opens in September 2026 for the 2027 awards.
3. **Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries**
 - **Official Link:** laurabushfoundation.org
 - **Status:** This grant focuses on diversifying and updating book collections for Title I schools. Applications typically open in the Fall (September/October) and close in late November or December each year.
4. **Snapdragon Book Foundation**
 - **Official Link:** snapdragonbookfoundation.org
 - **Status:** Applications for 2026 are now closed (deadline was February 8, 2026). This is an annual grant; the 2027 application window will reopen in November 2026.
5. **Jan Stauber (Sherlock Holmes) Literacy Grant**
 - **Official Link:** beaconsociety.com/the-jan-stauber-grant
 - **Status:** **Closed for 2026.** The Beacon Society has reached its capacity for the current year. Check back in January 2027 for the next round of funding.
6. **Books Save Lives Grant (We Need Diverse Books)**
 - **Official Link:** diversebooks.org/programs/books-save-lives
 - **Status:** This grant prioritizes school libraries impacted by book bans. The 2026 window has closed; applications usually open annually in February.
7. **Peggy Barber Tribute Grant**
 - **Official Link:** ala.org/tools/programming/PeggyBarberGrant
 - **Status:** Applications for the 2026 cycle closed on February 2, 2026. This ALA grant opens annually in December.
8. **Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries**
 - **Official Link:** ala.org/gncrt/grants/eisner
 - **Status:** The 2026 cycle is closed (deadline was January 11, 2026). Information for the 2027 cycle will be posted in October 2026.
9. **AAE Foundation Classroom Grant**
 - **Official Link:** aaeteachers.org/grants
 - **Status:** These \$500 grants are awarded twice a year. The Spring 2026 cycle just concluded (March). The **Autumn cycle** typically opens in August with an October deadline.
10. **First Book Marketplace (Book Credits/Grants)**
 - **Official Link:** fbmarketplace.org/funding-opportunities
 - **Status:** **Ongoing/Open.** Rather than a single annual deadline, First Book provides ongoing funding opportunities, promo codes, and "OMG Books" awards throughout the year for educators serving low-income communities.

Bonus: Open Opportunities (April/May 2026)

- **Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood:** The next Letter of Inquiry (LOI) deadline is **May 31, 2026**. This is a great option for libraries serving children from birth to age 7. [Link here](#).
- **Library of Congress TPS Grant:** Rolling opportunities for regional grants to support teaching with primary sources. [Link here](#).