



Request for Proposals: Shelf Help 2018

Introduction:

Boston Book Festival is pleased to announce the 2018 Shelf Help partnership. This partnership will supplement a K-8 school library that lacks the adequate means to provide its students with access to a variety of books. Using a combination of community support and donations solicited from publishers and partner organizations, we will contribute brand-new books to the selected library in the fall of the 2018-2019 school year, as well as an author/illustrator visit during the 2018-2019 school year (author and date TBD). We are seeking a passionate library professional who is eager to partner with us on this initiative. To apply, please fill out the Google form application found [here](#). If you would prefer a hard copy, please fill out the PDF version [here](#).

Eligibility:

- Your school has a dedicated library space
- Your school is located within Greater Boston
- Your school has a dedicated library professional (paid or volunteer)
- Your school has shelf space for at least 50 new books
- Your school has the capacity to host an author/illustrator visit on October 12, 2018 (coordinated by the Boston Book Festival and Wondermore)

Timeline:

By May 30th 2018: Complete the application available online [here](#) or downloadable hardcopy [here](#). Please send completed hard copies to Boston Book Festival, 32R Essex St. #5, Cambridge, MA 02139.

Early June 2018: The BBF selects and notifies the recipient library. BBF staff and the selected recipient work together to create an online book wish list through the Mackin website.

Late June 2018: Mackin wish list link goes live, and the BBF begins soliciting wish list book donations via social media, e-newsletter, and website announcements.

November 2018: BBF staff present selected school with brand-new books.

2018-2019 School Year: BBF staff work with Wondermore and selected library staff/volunteers to schedule and coordinate author/illustrator visit to selected school. Library staff member or volunteer contributes guest blog post for BBF website about the experience.

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For questions, please contact

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