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Dunbarton Public Library to receive NH State Library ARPA grant funding

The Dunbarton Public Library is pleased to announce that it was selected and will be awarded \$13,745.03 in funding through the Institute for Museum and Library Services' "Grants to States" program in 2022. The grant program is part of the American Rescue Act Plan of 2021 and is being facilitated by the NH State Library.

The Dunbarton Public Library will use this grant award to purchase mobile book shelving platforms to open and increase floor space, and also a Meeting Owl Pro. The flexibility that mobile shelving offers will be beneficial in getting back to offering many of our traditional in-person programs. The Meeting Owl Pro will allow any program or meeting to be virtual.

The five member panel who awarded the grant shared the following feedback: "For a very small library, this is an ambitious and creative proposal that will have substantial effects on the services that they can provide to the community during the remainder of the pandemic and beyond." The Dunbarton Public Library's proposal was one of two individual applications that scored the highest possible score.

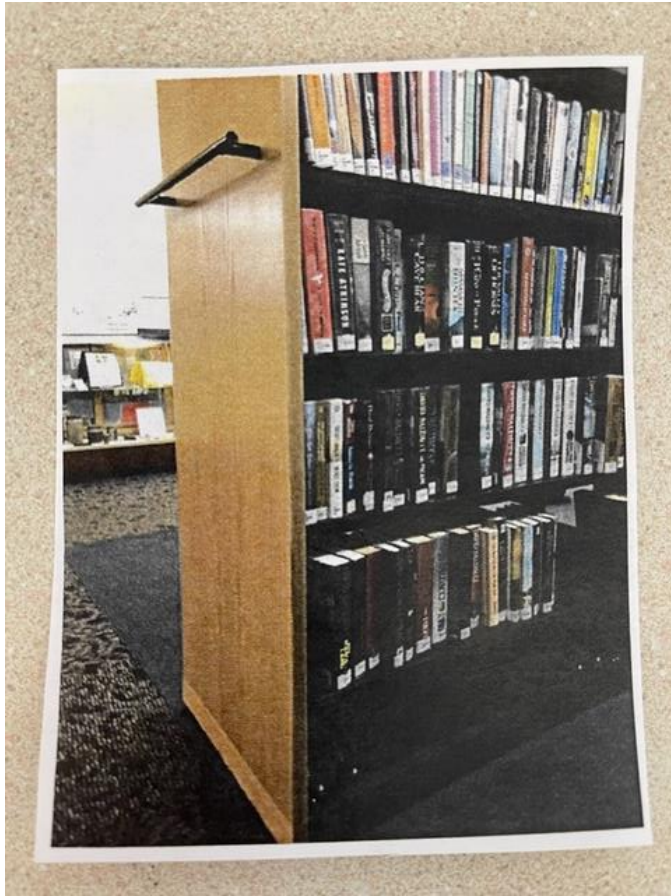
"New Hampshire's strong relationship with its public libraries was made even more evident during the past two years, when librarians and their staffs were able to adjust services nimbly in order to continue to meet the needs of their communities," said NH State Librarian Michael York. "The innovative programs funded by these grants will continue to strengthen not only public library services, but also the communities in which the libraries reside."

"As pillars of our communities, libraries and museums bring people together by providing important programs, services and collections. These institutions are trusted spaces where people can learn, explore and grow," said IMLS Director Crosby Kemper. "IMLS is proud to support their initiatives through our grants as they educate and enhance their communities."

Part of the NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, the NH State Library promotes excellence in libraries and library services to all New Hampshire residents, by assisting libraries and the people of New Hampshire with rapid access to library and informational resources through the development and coordination of a statewide library/information system; by meeting the informational needs of New Hampshire's state, county and municipal governments and its libraries; and by serving as a resource for New Hampshire. For more information, visit nh.gov/nhsl.

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Grant period: January 2, 2022-July 31, 2022.



Tucker Library Interiors, LLC: Mobile Shelving—(3) ranges of (2) units each and (1) range of (1) unit.



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