Opportunity for Research Grant from Children’s Literature Association

The Diversity Committee of the Children’s Literature Association is pleased to announce the Diversity Research Grant, supporting research related to artifacts (including media, culture, and texts) about populations that have been underrepresented or marginalized culturally and/or historically, including members of populations marginalized by physical or cognitive disability, sexual orientation, race, or ethnicity. Awards will range from $500 to $1000 and will be awarded based upon the quality of the proposal and the expectation that the undertaking will lead to publication making a significant contribution to the field of children’s/adolescent literature scholarship or criticism. Within two years of receiving the grant, the recipient will be asked to submit a paper proposal based upon the project for presentation at a ChLA annual conference.

Funds may be used for—but are not restricted to—research-related expenses such as travel, subvention funds, materials, and supplies. Awards may not be used for obtaining advanced degrees, researching or writing a thesis or dissertation, textbook writing, or pedagogical projects. Winners must be members of the Children’s Literature Association and must acknowledge ChLA in any publication or presentation resulting from the grant. Winners will be notified in April and are encouraged to attend the ChLA annual conference, where the awards will be announced.

Proposals should be a single Word document written or translated into English, including (1) a cover page including name, telephone number, mailing address, e-mail address, and status/rank at institution applicant is affiliated with (academic, library, publisher, etc.), if any; (2) a detailed description (not to exceed 1500 words) indicating the nature and significance of the project, rough budget, expected date of completion, and whether also applying for a general ChLA Research Grant; and (3) a vitae.

Email completed proposal as an attachment to info@childlitassn.org using subject line: “ChLA Diversity Research Grant Application.” Only complete applications received by midnight February 1 will be considered. For more information, contact Michelle Pagni Stewart at mstewart@msjc.edu.

Visit the ChLA website for information on other available grant opportunities.