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DORR TOWNSHIP LIBRARY SELECTED FOR COMPETITIVE FEDERAL HUMANITIES GRANT
\$10,000 Grant Will Help the Library Recover from the Coronavirus Pandemic

[DORR, MI] — Dorr Township Library has been selected as one of 200 libraries nationwide for the American Library Association's American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grants for Libraries opportunity, an emergency relief program to assist libraries that have been adversely affected by the pandemic.

With funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Dorr Township Library will anchor itself in the community as a strong humanities institution. The competitive award comes with a \$10,000 grant that will help the library deliver excellent programs and services related to culture, history, literature, and other humanities subjects.

More than 370 libraries—including public libraries, academic/college libraries, K-12 libraries, and tribal, special and prison libraries—applied for the grant, according to ALA. [View the full list of selected libraries](#). The participating libraries were selected through a competitive, peer-reviewed application process. They were chosen with an emphasis on reaching historically underserved and/or rural communities.

"We are proud to have won this grant for the Dorr community," said Library Director Jeffrey Babbitt. "This grant will allow us to increase literacy efforts, provide social opportunities for local families and their children, and upgrade our technology infrastructure to meet the needs of the 21st century, post-pandemic library patron."

Dorr Township Library will host a series of community dinners and multimedia family storytime programs in the evening this summer. The grant funds will be used to bring in Michigan children's authors and storytellers for these events.

"Libraries have faced significant hardships throughout the pandemic—from budget cuts to staff furloughs to building closures—especially in our communities of the greatest need," said ALA President Patty Wong. "This crucial support from NEH will enable our beloved institutions, and the dedicated people who run them, to rebuild and emerge from the pandemic stronger than ever."

American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grants for Libraries is an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) made possible with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Established in 1940, Dorr Township Library provides education and information to the people of Dorr Township and beyond. The Library offers free materials, computer access, programming, technology help, and more to all ages. Dorr Township Library relies on both public and private funding. Learn more about how to support the Library at dorrlibrary.michlibrary.org/support.

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