

## 2020 GRANT REPORT

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This year, the library has received several grants. Here is an update on the status of these grants at the end of the year:

### ALA

The American Library Association awarded Appleton Public Library a “Libraries Build Business” grant of \$64,717.97 to expand services to small businesses and entrepreneurs. APL designed “Small Business – Big Impact” to support business startup, retention, and expansion for people of color and immigrants. The grant is funding a part-time library assistant position, program speaker fees, multilingual marketing, technology for programs, staff training, and consulting fees to design and implement a four-month business academy.

### CEAS

The University of Wisconsin-Madison’s Center for East Asian Studies (CEAS) has awarded Appleton Public Library a grant of \$1,000 as part of the new East Asia in Wisconsin Library Program.

The Appleton Public Library Children’s Department will use the grant to fund a children’s East Asian music & stories program called *The Backyard Groove*. This educational program will feature local East Asian music experts and their corresponding areas of expertise; each expert will teach their musical tradition to children and their families through highly interactive, virtual music-making sessions on Zoom. Our aim with this program is to develop our community’s ability to embrace and honor people and traditions from East Asia through the power of music-making and stories.

### WILS

The Appleton Public Library has been awarded a \$5000 grant through the WiLS Ideas to Action fund to implement of *The Piano Project: Community Engagement through Music and Art*.

For this project the Appleton Public Library will collect used pianos and partner with local artists and community members to offer interactive displays throughout the city using music to engage the public in a community read while also raising awareness of the Hmong American experience as expressed through stories such as *The Late Homecomer* by Kao Kalia Yang.