

California Center for the Book, Book-to-Action grant application for 2019 – online application

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Official Library System name, please list as Library System-Branch Name (if applicable):

Mendocino County Library, Coast Community Library Branch

Participating Locations:

3 - library and the Charter school's elementary school and high school locations

Program Coordinator Name:

Julia Larke

Program Coordinator Title:

Branch Librarian

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How many times has your library participated in the Book to Action program?

Never

Book to Action Title:

The bee-friendly garden by Kate Frey and Gretchen Lebuhn

Please provide the main community issue/need/theme addressed by your Book to Action project.

I believe people want to be change-makers and one way is to create a pollinator friendly world, a healthy world. Our library's theme for 2019 is, "In Praise of Pollinators", and our book selection, *The bee-friendly garden*, provides information on how to grow a bee-friendly garden, how to preserve native bee habitat, and how to join in citizen science research about native bees.

How did you decide on this particular community issue or need to be addressed? Limit response to three sentences or less.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released ecological and human health risk assessments for neonicotinoid insecticides and other chemicals that harm bees and other organisms. There is concern for the environment and people can learn ways to take action to improve the health of their local environment, and the world.

Who is your planned Book to Action community partner?

Pacific Community Charter School: Sigrid Hillscan, director, Elementary School K-8, Yolanda Highhouse, director-High School pccshigh@mcn.org

Briefly describe your plans for book discussions, film showings, author or speaker presentations, and other programs that you plan to hold BEFORE your community service project or civic engagement activity. Please limit your response to no more than four sentences.

We have a firm agreement to speak from *The bee-friendly garden* author Gretchen Lebuhn... "I'd be happy to participate...what an interesting grant"; author Kate Frey has a very busy schedule but may be able to give a gardening program; and we will have a presentation by local author and pollinator conservationist, Katy Pye. There will be book discussions on pollinator conservation at our local bookstore, The Four-Eyed Frog. We are hosting a Bee Aware Film Series in Spring 2019, showing films about the importance of bees and pollinators, including *More than Honey*, *Queen Of The Sun: What Are The Bees Telling Us?*, and also the Disney nature film, *The Wings of Life*.

Intended Audience - Choose no more than 2 primary intended audiences.

Adults and Multigenerational groups

Book to Action Community Service Project or Civic Engagement Activity

We have two Community Projects: the first, with our Pacific Community Charter School partner, is to create ecologically-sustainable pollinator-friendly gardens at the elementary school, and at the high school. The other project is to promote a Community Pollinator Fair during National Pollinator week in June 2019.

Book Budget Request: \$1,000

Speaker/Author Program Budget Request: \$1,000

Total Amount Requested: \$2,000

Please list any in-kind/matching/local funds that your library, Friends group, or other organization will potentially contribute to the project. These might include printed materials or refreshments.

Please do not include staff time in your estimates. Limit your response to no more than 2 sentences.

Our Friends group will enjoy contributing to the Book-to-Action project. The local chapter of the California Native Plant Society will give a native plant-pollinators program at the library; members of our seed library's Community Seed Exchange, can help with the school garden project.

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