

4/26 - Talked to Jessie - Told her the request would be considered at next meeting.  
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**GRANT APPLICATION. Due Dates May 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>**

PM Rec'd 4/25 4/26

Date: 4/10/2012

Name of Organization (must match IRS 501(c)(3) designation) Cobb Public Library

Address P.O. Box 249

City, State, Zip Cobb, WI 53526

Phone 608-623-2554

Person Responsible for the Grant Jessie Lee-Jones

Position in the Organization Library Director

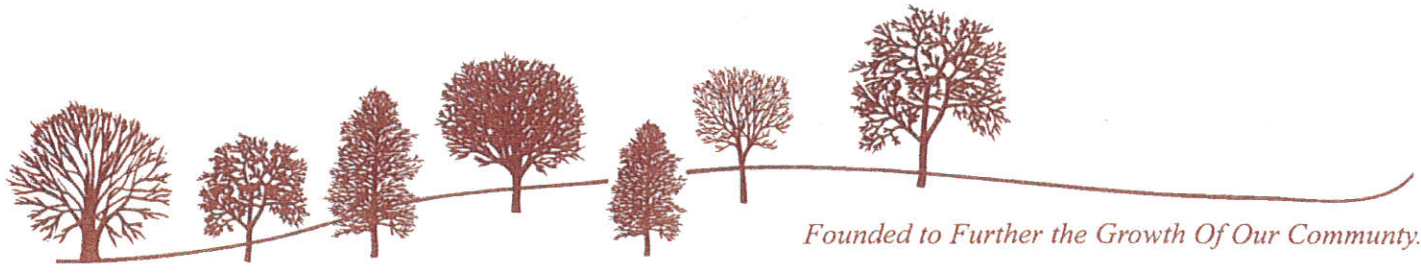
Organization's Purpose To provide free access to materials & services to meet the community's literary, educational, informational, & recreational needs.

This application must include your organization's latest IRS Letter of Determination showing exemption and public support status. (Not required for units of Government & public schools).

Grant Request \$ 800

Describe the reason for this grant request in the space below:  
We are requesting funds to purchase library materials that would meet the needs of our elderly citizens.

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*Founded to Further the Growth Of Our Community.*

1. Specific use of grant:

*currently have small collection*

The Cobb Public Library would use all granted funds to purchase Large Print Books and Audiobooks that are in high demand among the elderly population. The Cobb Public Library, as well as other area libraries, will soon be offering a series of free computer classes to low income senior citizens. At this time, Cobb Public Library would also like to introduce these senior citizens to materials that are specifically designed for elderly library users. Large Print Books and Audiobooks are both ideal formats for a patron who may struggle with vision loss. We would select large print and audiobooks in genres that are popular among elderly readers—inspirational fiction, westerns, romance, etc.

2. Time Schedule:

Upon receipt of this grant, we would begin purchasing these library materials immediately. For our initial purchase, we would spend \$400 to establish a well-balanced and appealing collection to grab the attention of a wide variety of library visitors. We would continue to spend \$100 for the next four months, making purchases based on reader suggestions and new publications.

3. Other Sources of Funding:

*\$ 28,000 - total Budget. Staff \$ 13,000 Tech \$ 2,500 SWLS 2,800*

The Cobb Public Library has a budget of \$3,500 for new books/DVDs/CDs/audiobooks. Each Large Print or Audiobook costs upwards of \$40 apiece. The library largely depends on grants and donations to meet the needs of our community and the surrounding area.

4. Effect of Postponement:

By postponing the addition of these materials to the library, we will miss an ideal opportunity to show our elderly patrons that we are able to meet their needs. If we do not have these materials by the time our free computer classes for senior citizens begin, we will not be able to reach out to our elderly population to our fullest ability.

5. Who, When, How, and Where the Effects will be felt:

The effects of this grant will be felt immediately for Cobb Public Library users. Our regular library users often express frustration with our limited number of Large Print and Audiobooks and these patrons will notice an immediate improvement in our offerings. As we continue to purchase more materials over the next few months, we will be able to fill specific patron requests which will encourage patrons to be return again, creating more consistent library users. When we begin the free computer classes for senior citizens, I will introduce these new materials to the library visitors, explain to them how we were able to purchase the books, and inform them that we would be happy to purchase anything that may be of interest to them. These materials will serve the community of Cobb as well as all surrounding communities, as we will be able to loan these materials to any patrons in the Southwest Wisconsin Library System.

6. Organization's History, Activities, Services, and Composition:

The Cobb Library was founded in 1931 by the Cobb Federated Woman's Club. The library operates under the supervision of a seven member board of trustees, with one paid library director s, three library assistants, and several community volunteers. Throughout the school year we host a weekly storytime for pre-school children, as well as several family oriented events. During the summer months, we offer a Summer Library Program for preschool and elementary age students, a book club for middle-grade students, and several teen oriented events. Throughout the year we also offer events for adults and senior citizens. We regularly host movie nights, presentations from world travelers, book clubs, and this year we are offering two new events—computer classes for senior citizens and an antique appraisal at the Cobb Community Center on June 7<sup>th</sup>. The mission of the Cobb Public Library is to provide free access to materials and services to meet the community's literary, educational, informational, and recreational needs. We currently offer 7,301 books, 409 audiobooks, 804 movies, as well as multiple magazine subscriptions, and 4 public access computers.