

EXAMPLE 2
Peace Library, Ohio community, United States
Two-Page Executive Summary

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Title of Program: Peace Leadership Library

Overall Program Vision:

To ensure access to diverse peacebuilding books for community peace leaders of all ages that reflect our unique and relevant areas of peacebuilding education we have identified as a City of Peace.

Description of the Challenge:

Our current library system has budget and space limitations for community access to all of the peacebuilding books we would like to share with our ICP peacemaker leaders and the larger community. Our goal is to build accessibility to local, regional and international peace books through grants, partnerships, volunteers, and in-kind donations of marketing and space. Build awareness of library resources, and partner to grow interest in regional library support to prioritize peacebuilding collections for greater regional access.

First Project Steps:

- Identify and secure a free and neutral partner host site for library
- Identify and train volunteer teams and supporters of Peace Leadership Library
- Partner with businesses, local library and educational institutions to identify challenges
- Start a selection committee who will address peacebuilding books unique to our community
- Research and document best authors and books on those topics
- Write grants, book donation requests and volunteer requests to build library
- Select reasonable hours of operation, systems and procedures, and access guidelines

Who the Project Impacts:

This project impacts City of Peace leadership, community leaders and organizers, and all area families. The Peace Leadership Library will initiate peacebuilding resource collection, sharing and education in all sectors of the community through social media, at public markets and events, and in our physical library space offered by local nonprofits.

Follow-up Steps:

- Write grants for additional books, system upgrades, programming and skillbuilding events

- Keep track of books and information needed as the community education evolves
- Create collaborations across sectors to build awareness and access to library
- Share peace books and training at markets and events
- Encourage business, libraries and educational institutions to grow their peace collections

Potential Partners:

- Social Services to build awareness in-kind marketing and advice
- Local librarians, educators and system builders
- Donations from local businesses, libraries, book sellers and community members
- Grants from civic leadership and philanthropic partners
- Local markets and public venues where we can bring peace materials to share and discuss

Outcomes of the Project:

- Increased awareness of our community challenges matched with peace resources
- Continuous free access to relevant peace-building education
- Greater collaboration across sectors of community for peace and education
- Forward thinking promotion encouraging all sectors to support peace resource development
- Sustainable peace leadership skillbuilding and accessible peace resources for children

How We Measure Success:

- Strengthened cooperation and collaborations for peace resource sharing
- Survey leaders and community before, during and after project
- More discussions, donations, and suggestions of books about peacebuilding by community
- Peace Library becomes a catalyst and resource for lifelong peace learning in our community

Initial Project Budget:

The initial project as defined in First Project Steps will require \$3000 for books, preloaded digital readers and materials, \$1,500 for a dedicated library laptop and software, and \$500 for marketing, labels, surveys or essential administrative costs. Partner hosts will offer in-kind meeting space, organizational expertise, training and marketing support. All positions are volunteer unpaid positions. Total \$5000.

Long-Range Program Budget:

Estimates for a three-year Peace Library set-up, launch and assessments provided by the First Step Project plan is a larger 10-year Peace Library community commitment. Actual expenses of delivering services will be projected and planned for in year 2 of the 3-year plan. Critical considerations to our long-term project is continued free access to hosting books on physical shelves and preloaded devices, access to digital readers (without wi-fi) and a trained and supported volunteer library team. Building a budget that allows for annual updating, upgrading and reviewing, and purchasing new peacebuilding books and resources will be key to our long term success. We expect fund-raising to maintain a \$2,000 reserve and \$3,000 annual research and purchasing budget through grants, donations and in-kind partnerships. This strategy will ensure that we build a collaborative culture of peace through maintaining our vision, volunteers and free peace resource sharing. Photos, references and recommendations included below.

How This Projects Aligns With Our ICP Long Term Community Goals:

We foresee the eventual absorption of these assets by all community organizations, libraries and community members; embedding these skills and desires for peace education into the fabric of our community.