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**PRATTSBURG FREE LIBRARY SELECTED FOR COMPETITIVE FEDERAL
HUMANITIES GRANT**

\$10,000 Grant Will Help the Library Recover from the Coronavirus Pandemic

PRATTSBURGH — Prattsburgh Free 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, Prattsburgh Free Library will use funds to 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 applied for the grant, according to ALA. [View the full list of selected libraries.](#)

The participating libraries, selected through a competitive, peer-reviewed application process, include public libraries, academic/college libraries, K-12 libraries, and tribal, special and prison libraries. The recipients represent 45 states and Puerto Rico and serve communities ranging in size from 642 residents in Weir, Kansas, to the city of Los Angeles. Libraries were chosen with an emphasis on reaching historically underserved and/or rural communities.

“We are so proud to be chosen for this amazing opportunity,” said Library Director Wilsinia. “This grant will allow our library to better serve our patrons and plan strong, enriching humanities programming as we come out of the pandemic.”

Prattsburg Free Library will use the grant funds to revitalize our annual summer reading program providing many hours for staff to develop and implement programming that engages children and teenagers with the joys of learning, creating, and reading. The funds will also support our new Heritage month programming; it will include Asian American/Pacific Islander American, Pride, and Hispanic wherein we have a speaker give a talk on issues within marginalized communities. We will also play a movie each month in honor of 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



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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.”

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The American Library Association’s American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grants for Libraries grant is an opportunity for Prattsburg Free Library to continue fulfilling its mission during this difficult time. Our mission is to provide resources and activities for our community that entertain, educate, engage, inform and inspire.

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