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### Memorandum

**To:** District School Library Media Coordinators  
Public School Library Media Specialists

**From:** Sandra M. Cooper, State Librarian

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**Subject:** **Grants for School Library Collection Development Available**

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The State Library is pleased to announce that funds will be available under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) for School Library Collection Development Grants for 2002-2003. Grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded in July 2002, **with applications due March 27, 2002.**

The application information is available at the State Library's Web site. The packet is available as a PDF file for downloading, reading, and printing using an Adobe Acrobat Reader. It is also posted as a Microsoft® Word 2000 document. The URL for the information is <http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/lsta/lsta.htm>.

School Library Collection Development Grant awards will be up to \$10,000 and require a \$1 for \$1 matching amount. The purpose is to assist school library media centers in building strong print collections to assure that North Carolina's children and teens have access to a full range of ideas and information.

Eligible public school libraries can apply for funds to help develop curriculum-related book collections that are accurate, current and attractive. Factors in determining grant awards will include deficiencies of the library media center's current book collections and the extent to which the grant project will improve availability of appropriate resources for users, the library's readiness to undertake the project, and ability to meet the required match. School libraries that received grants in 2000-2001 and in 2001-2002 will not be eligible to reapply in this round.

The 2002-2003 grants have these added requirements: a school library must have a collection development plan, as well as having done a collection assessment; and if awarded a grant, the library must have matching funds available by August 1, 2002. Applicants will also find revisions in the application form.

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