

# Basic Guidelines for Funding Weekly Reader Magazines

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers



The 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program is an opportunity for students and their families to continue to learn new skills and discover new abilities after the school day has ended.

The focus of this program—which is part of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001—is to “provide expanded academic enrichment opportunities for children attending low performing schools. Tutorial services and academic enrichment activities are designed to help students meet local and state academic standards in subjects such as reading and math.

In addition, 21st CCLC programs provide youth development activities, drug and violence prevention programs, technology education programs, art, music and recreation programs, counseling and character education to enhance the academic component of the program” (ed.gov).

To receive a grant under this program, applicants must provide services that address at least four of the program activities stated in the law.

**This document provides helpful information on how Weekly Reader magazines help support the following 21st CCLC program activities.**

### 1.) Literacy Education Programs



- All elementary magazines, as well as *Know Your World Extra*, *READ*, and *Writing*, support literacy by providing engaging content to encourage active reading
- Teachers’ Guides indicate how each magazine supports IRA/NCTE standards, as well as offering tips, techniques, and background information for teachers
- Weekly Reader skills books provide practice in reading/language arts, editing/grammar

### 2.) Integrated education, health, social service, recreational, or cultural programs



- All elementary magazines integrate science, literacy, health, and character education into their content
- *Current Health 1 & 2* cover nutrition, fitness, personal health, and the harmful effects of drugs and alcohol, along with today’s essential health news
- Weekly Reader skills books on health, social studies, drug/alcohol use, HIV/AIDS

### 3.) Summer and weekend school programs in conjunction with recreation programs



- All magazines are appropriate as they allow teachers to use supplemental materials to capture interest and engage students in short time slots
- Weekly Reader skills books on social studies, health, science, math, and reading/language arts
- *Weekly Reader Archive*: Archived issues of *Weekly Reader* Editions 2–Senior (grade 5/6). Fully searchable by issue date, grade, topic, curriculum, and keyword.  
(Note: magazines are only produced and delivered during the academic year.)

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- 4.) **Nutrition and health programs** →
- *Current Health 1 & 2*: covers nutrition, fitness, personal health, and the harmful effects of drugs and alcohol, along with today's essential health news
  - Weekly Reader skills books on health, drug/alcohol use, HIV/AIDS
- 5.) **Telecommunications and technology education programs for individuals of all ages** → Not Applicable
- 6.) **Parenting skills education programs** →
- *Weekly Reader* Editions Pre-K–K and Edition 2: Weekly note to parents on the back page of each student edition, providing a theme-related activity. [Family Connection]
  - *Weekly Reader* Editions 3–Senior (grades 5/6): News-based issues spark at-home discussions about current events and reproducible activities provide take-home opportunities
- 7.) **Employment counseling, training, and placement** → *Career World*
- General job seeking and retention advice for teens
  - Job market trends, how to get hired, what jobs pay
  - Personal financial topics
  - Developing an application, résumé
  - Magazine also meets the six National Career Development Standards
- 8.) **Services for individuals with disabilities** → *Know Your World Extra*
- A high-interest, low-reading-level magazine
  - For grades 6–8, reading level 2.0–4.0

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