What will we cover in our presentation

- Examples of successful grant proposals

- Strategies to improve success

- Which grants public libraries are eligible for

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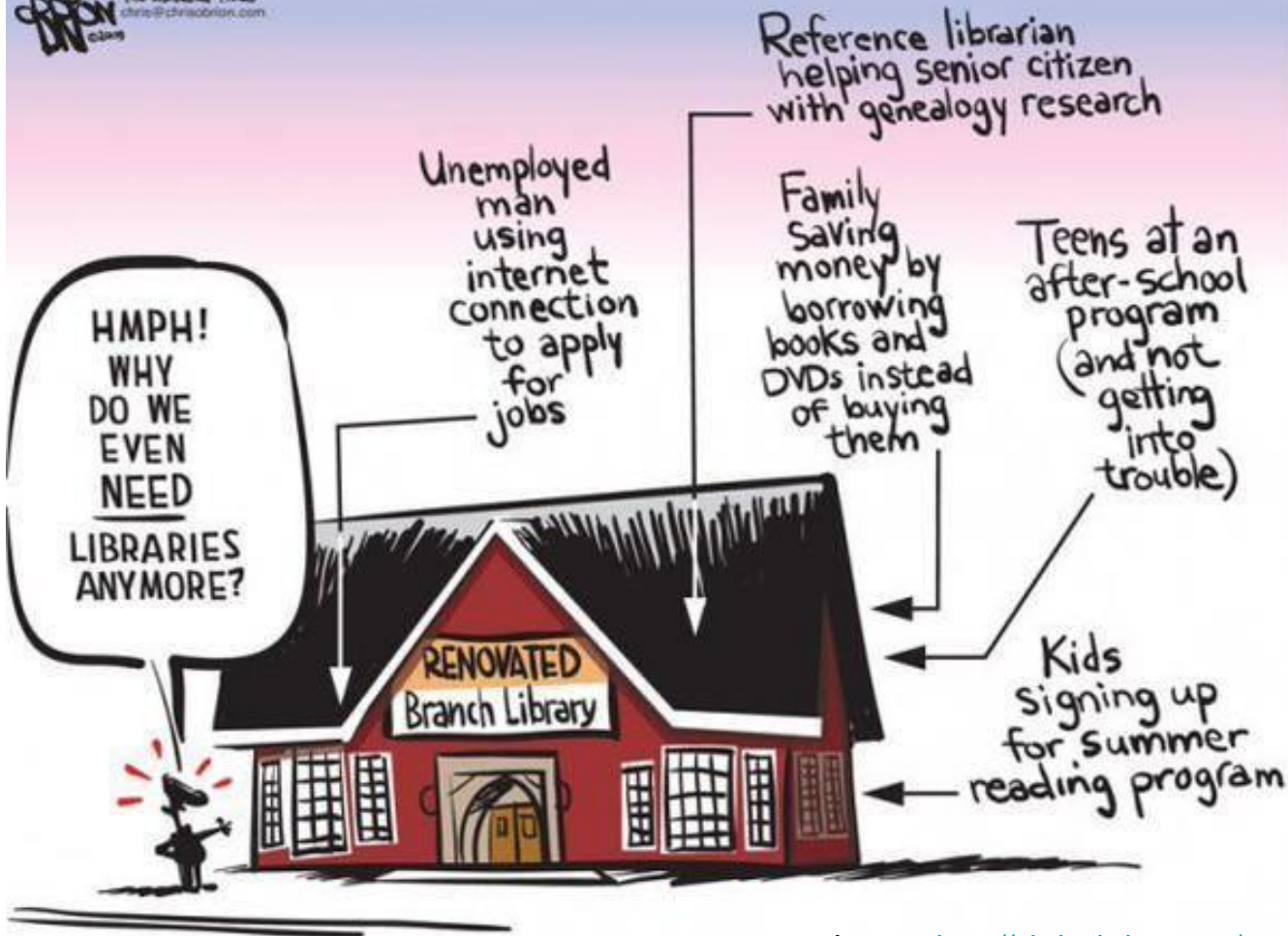
So why bother?

A grant might enable you to:
- Make a change in your community
- Do something you wouldn't or couldn't usually do
- Address an unmet need in your community
- Provide a vital service
- Raise your profile
- Be more creative in your service
- Buy new equipment or resources
- Extend yourself & learn new skills

SLQ funding

VISION 2017 grants are designed to support Queensland public libraries to become creative community spaces; physical and virtual connectors; technology trendsetters; and incubators of ideas, learning and innovation.

- SLQ's Online Public Access in Libraries (OPAL) Program provides a $200,000 annual grant program to Local Government

- OPAL aims to enhance community access to information online, encourage online engagement or develop the digital literacy skills of library staff or the community.

ideas@108 – Burdekin

• $36,500 VISION 2017 grant and $8,000 Qld Govt. Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation Community Benefit fund

• To establish a multifunctional flexible space for growing ideas with a particular focus on small business, start-ups and youth

Image: http://www.burdekin.qld.gov.au/facilities-and-recreation/libraries/facilities-and-recreationlibrariesdeas108-creative-space/

Thursday Island Creative Digital Space

Image: State Library of Queensland

- $73,000 of OPAL funding from SLQ in 2014
- Thursday Island library refurbishment
- Torres Shire Council sought to deliver a modern library service within a small footprint in a building attached to and owned by the local supermarket

Tech Savvy Seniors

- New partnership between Qld Government and Telstra
- $400,000 funding to SLQ
- Grants then provided to eligible public libraries of up to $25,000 to deliver free training to seniors in their community
- To develop skills and confidence in using technology.

Image: http://plconnect.slq.qld.gov.au/resources/seniors/tech-savvy-seniors-queensland

Digital Hub - Toowoomba

- Dept of Communications $452,600 over 2 years
- Free training (group and individual) to develop digital skills to participate safely and securely, with trust and confidence, in the digital economy
- Topics based on community demand and interest

Image: Toowoomba Regional Libraries

Community Heritage Grant Hinchinbrook

- $4,000 grant funded by the Australian Government through the National Library of Australia

- To assist in the identification and preservation of community-owned and nationally significant heritage collections

Image: State Library of Queensland

- Staff attended a three day intensive preservation and collection management workshop to gain expertise

Little Free Libraries

Image: Bundaberg Regional Libraries

- Rotary District 9570 grant of $1,000

- Local partners in Bundaberg:
        Regional Libraries
        East Rotary
        Woodworkers Guild

- To build, stock and install four LFLs by March 2016 to promote literacy, increase access to reading and encourage community connectivity

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

- Dolly Parton grant of $5,000 over 2 years, with a 5 year commitment

- Community partnership with:
  Rotary Club of Gympie-Cooloola
  United Way Australia
  Gympie Regional Library
  Members of the LAGG

- Literacy, learning, enjoyment of reading through stories, play; and promoting reading at home to babies and pre-schoolers

Images courtesy of: Gympie Regional Library
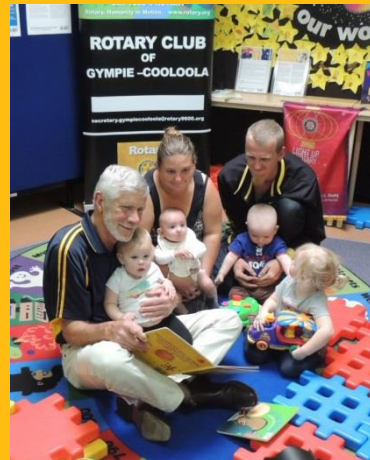
Culture Love

- Primarily funded by Arts Qld approx $268,000

- Partnership between SLQ and Indigenous Knowledge Centres plus local assistance (Councils, Queensland Health)

- Digital literacy through the arts

Image: State Library of Queensland

black&write! at SLQ

- 2010   launched with seed funding from Arts Qld
- 2011-12 $85,920 from Copyright Agency Ltd Cultural Fund
- 2013-14 $78,000 for On-screen Indigenous Editing from Australia Council for the Arts
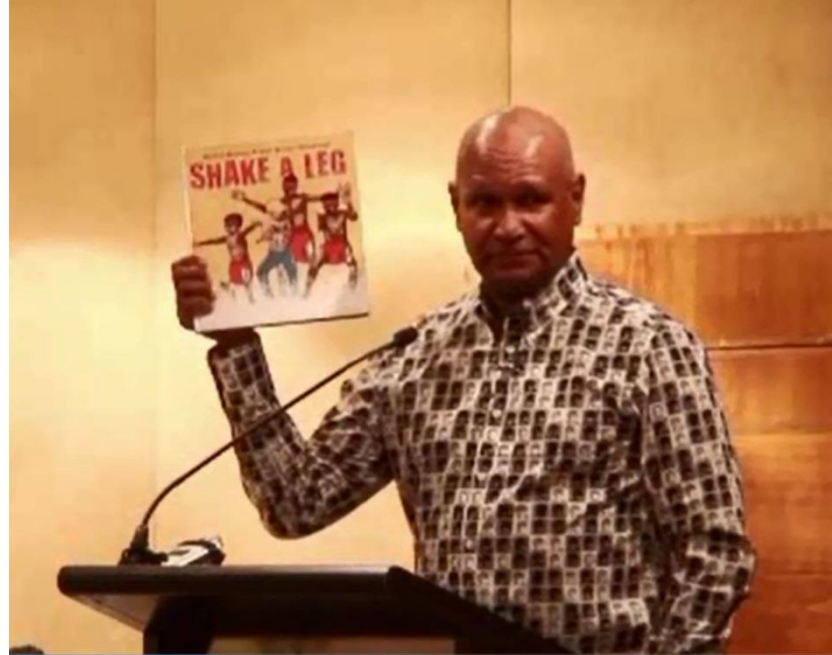- 2014-15 $77,500 for Editing Interns

Image: Author Boori Monty Pryor at *black&write!* launch, Cairns, 2010, State Library of Queensland

Gold Coast partnerships that don't cost

- Filmmaking – working with local film makers for 6 week course in filmmaking for teenagers, on mobile devices, used media and sound lab culminating in a film festival in an auditorium

- Regional Arts Development Fund recipients – augmented reality museum where models that are 3D printed are embedded with content via 8 different art forms

Strategies to improve success 1

Make sure you address:
- Who (target audience and why)
- What (is the project and why)
- Why (what is the need)
- Where (location and why)
- When (dates and why)
- How (what is the process)

Strategies to improve success 2

It's all about the grantee –how will your project address:

- Their objectives
- Their goals
- Their anticipated outcomes
- Their benefits

THINK and articulate – how and why your project is perfect for them

It's not all about you…

- Who can you partner with?
- How can they help you and vice versa?
- Be clear about who will benefit and how?
- Get someone else to read it
- Be clear about your purpose – this project will…..

Other important things…

- Elements of your Library / Council Strategic Plan
- Your Vision / Mission statement
- Australian Bureau of Statistics region profiles / data
- Letters of support
- The Next Horizon: VISION 2017 for Queensland public libraries

Most importantly – look at their goals / objectives …are you aligned with them?
Are you helping them deliver on them?

Important!!!

How can I find out about grants? 1

- Qld government grants finder – www.qld.gov.au/grants/

- Commonwealth Government Grant Finder- www.business.gov.au

- Attorney General's Department – www.arts.gov.au/funding/opportunities

- Australia Council for the Arts – www.australiacouncil.gov.au/funding/new-grants-model/

More grants info 2

- GRANTSconnect – www.lgaq.asn.au/group/guest/grants-connect

- Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation - www.olgr.qld.gov.au/grants/index.shtml

- Arts Queensland – www.arts.gov.au/funding/index.html

- Tourism and Events Queensland – www.teq.queensland.com/Industry-Resources/Funding

Even more grants websites 3

- Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) – www.frrr.org.au/

- Ian Potter Foundation - www.ianpotter.org.au/

- Easy Grants Newsletter– www.fundingcentre.com.au/subscribe

- PL Connect – plconnect.slq.gov.au/networking/public-libraries-connect
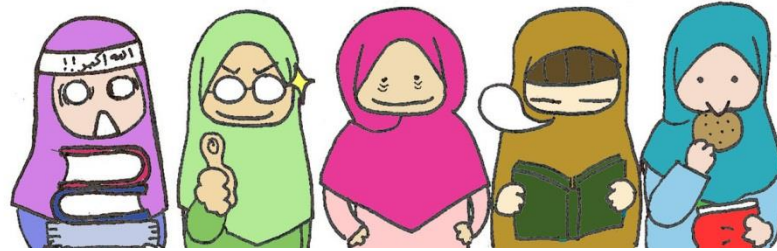
You and your community can benefit from money for jam….!!

Thank you from Eva and Deb

all yours