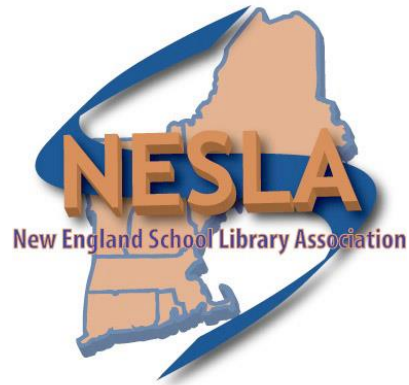


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# News Release

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**NESLA (New England School Library Association) is now accepting applications for the 2023-24 School Year Carolyn Markuson School Library Innovation Grant. School librarians in the New England States are invited to apply.**

Named in honor of the late **Carolyn Markuson**, a longtime NESLA member, and a mentor and inspiration for school librarians throughout the region, the Carolyn Markuson Innovation Grant was established by NESLA to encourage the development of innovative projects in K-12 schools by School Librarians in the New England region.

The 2022-23 Grant was awarded to Ariel Dagan, Library Media Specialist at Tri County Regional Vocational Technical High School, Franklin, Massachusetts. The Grant enabled Ariel to establish an interactive unit designed to provide students with a critical look at their use of mobile cellular devices, and an understanding of the multiple factors that may play a role in determining whether those device use habits are a sign of addictive behavior.

#### Grant Details:

- Funding is up to \$500.
- Grant recipients will also receive an initial payment or renewal for one year's membership in ALA and AASL.
- Applications for the 2022-23 school year are due by April 3, 2023.
- The successful grant award will be announced by May 31, 2023.
- Projects for the 2022-23 school year begin between September 2023 to March 1, 2024, and are to be completed by April 30, 2024.

#### Eligibility:

- Membership in NESLA (Applicants may join when applying.)
- State school librarianship licensure
- Projects in progress and planned projects in need of financial assistance are eligible.

Further information, including selection criteria, is available at <https://www.nesla.us/carolyn-markuson-fund.html>

**About NESLA:** NESLA, founded in 1918, is a chapter of the American Association of School Librarians (AASL). It is the oldest school library association in the world, and the only regional school library association in the United States. NESLA's purpose is to promote professional development of school librarians and to enhance school library programs in the New England states. Visit <https://www.nesla.us/> for more about the NESLA.

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