

**Clarke Historical Library  
International Children’s Literature Research Grant  
Application for Summer 2018 Grant**

Applicants for the Clarke Historical Library International Children’s Literature Research Grant must complete and submit the following application. The application must be received no later than January 15, 2018.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Institutional Affiliation and Rank (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please explain on an attached sheet (in no more than 500 words) the purpose and scope of your project.

Please explain on an attached sheet (in no more than 500 words) how the international resources of the Lucile Clarke Memorial Children’s Library, housed in the Clarke Historical Library, will play a role in your project.

Applications may be submitted in electronic or paper format. Electronic applications should be sent to [Clarke@cmich.edu](mailto:Clarke@cmich.edu) with the subject line “Clarke Historical Library Children’s Literature Research Grant Application.” Applications sent in paper format should be addressed to:

Clarke Historical Library International Children’s Grant Research Program  
Clarke Historical Library  
Central Michigan University  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859

The winning applicant will be notified of the award no later than March 15, 2018.

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**Please Read and Sign the Following Statement.**  
**Unsigned Applications will not be eligible for consideration.**

1. The winning applicant must hold either a master's or doctoral degree or be currently enrolled in a doctoral program.
2. The winning applicant will be required to conduct research at the Clarke Historical Library on the campus of Central Michigan University during the summer of the award year.
3. Because this grant is designed to promote research by North American scholars who often have limited access to original editions of international children's books, the winning applicant must reside in the U.S. or Canada or be currently enrolled in an American or Canadian university program.
4. The name of the person winning the award will be publicly announced. The press release and other publicly accessible material issued as part of the award announcement may include some or all of the application explanations submitted as part of this application.

Please certify by signing below that you agree to the criteria stated above.

I have read and affirm/agree to these statements, and all of the other conditions and rules found in the **Process Governing Applications and Rules**.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Information About the Clarke International Children's Literature Research Grant**

The Clarke Historical Library, housed within Central Michigan University's Park Library, holds a collection of approximately 1600 non-circulating international children's and young adult books in their original editions. Represented in this collection are over 50 countries and 41 languages. Many of the authors and illustrators of these books were nominated by their home countries for the Hans Christian Andersen Award, sponsored biennially by the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY), a worldwide organization with approximately 75 member nations.

The Clarke Historical Library International Children's Literature Research Grant supports individuals from the United States and Canada to use this collection of international children's books in some facet of their research. While this collection may be of special interest to scholars from the academic disciplines of children's and youth literature, foreign language studies, and comparative literature, applicants from any academic discipline are welcome to apply if their use of this collection is shown to be relevant to their research topic. Other books in the Clarke Historical Library may be used as well, but international children's books *must* be used as a core part of the proposed research.

Applicants are required to complete and submit the attached form. To be considered, applications must be received no later than January 15, 2018. The winning applicant will be notified no later than March 15, 2018. The winning applicant will be required to do research using the resources found at the Lucile Clarke Memorial Children's Library during the summer of the award year. At the conclusion of the applicant's visit, he or she will be required to make a presentation, which may be in a seminar environment, to discuss his or her findings. The recipient will also be required to submit a short written report assessing the value of the research experience within 90 days after the completion of their research in the Clarke Historical Library.

The formal rules by which the application process and selection will be conducted are printed below.

## **Children's International Literature Research Grant Application Process Governing Applications and Rules**

1. All applications must be received by January 15, 2018. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure timely delivery of his or her application. Late applications will not be accepted.
2. All applications must be signed and filled out completely.
3. All applications become the property of the Clarke Historical Library/Central Michigan University. Text from the winning application may be used in all or part in any press release or other publicly disseminated material announcing the awarding of the research grant and the research the grant will support.
4. All applicants must meet the following criteria:
  - a. Possess either a master's or doctoral degree, or be currently enrolled in a doctoral program.
  - b. Be available to carry out research at the Clarke Historical Library during the summer of 2018.
  - c. Agree to make a public presentation on the CMU campus at the end of their visit to the Clarke Historical Library. This presentation may be a "work in progress" report delivered in a seminar environment, rather than a formal paper.
5. A committee composed of three or more individuals will be convened by the director of the Clarke Historical Library to consider all applications received on or before January 15, 2018. In ranking the proposals the committee will consider the following criteria.
  - a. How the proposal will use the volumes of international children's literature found in the Clarke Historical Library.
  - b. Potential contribution of the proposal to the literature of the awardee's discipline.
  - c. Likelihood of publication or other public distribution of the research. Preference will be given to proposals having a greater demonstrated likelihood of public distribution. Applications of a purely personal nature will not be considered.
6. The composition of the committee and the decisions made by the committee are final.
7. Should the applicant, upon notification of the award, determine that he or she is no longer available to conduct research at the Clarke Historical Library during the summer of 2018, the director of the Clarke Historical Library, in consultation with the committee, may withdraw the award.
8. Should the applicant fail to conduct the proposed research at the Clarke Historical Library during the summer of 2018, the director of the Clarke Historical Library, in consultation with the committee, may withdraw the award.

[Click here](#) for further information on the collection of Hans Christian Andersen Nominees and Award winners held by the Clarke Historical Library.