

## Program Partnership Selection Process

Throughout the year, the library is approached by various organizations looking to partner with us on programming. In order to standardize this process, the library put out a call for program partners in late February. Organizations were asked to submit program proposals using the application form (attached). The proposal form was available for three weeks initially, then extended to four. Past program partners were contacted and asked to submit the form. In addition, any organization who inquired about programming was directed to this proposal form. The program partnership form was also advertised on the library's website.

The library developed an evaluation form and scoring method (attached) and each proposal was evaluated by the Director of Library Services, the Chief of Adult Library Services, and the Adult Programs Librarian. In addition, the System-wide Youth Programs Librarian provided evaluation forms for any youth program partnership proposal.

There are five program partnership proposals that are of potential interest with associated budgets. We have deferred the selection of these proposals until the program budget is finalized. Currently the program proposals that are being considered, ranked in order from most favorable, are as follows:

1. Grub Street: Write Down the Street - \$68,701 (or \$35,700)
2. Boston Lyric Opera: Opera Night at the BPL – \$13,200
3. Beau Kenyon: Gather Together - \$20,000
4. Beau Kenyon: Speak Now - \$29,000
5. Let's Talk About Food: The Readable Feast at the BPL - \$2,800

Once the Programs budget is completed, the library will make a final determination on which of these partnerships we are interested in pursuing. We are hoping that the first two at minimum, with the potential for additional proposals are able to be activated.