

Appendix M: How Much Will This Cost?

Do not underestimate the amount of time it will take if you are considering developing a similar project. Your greatest expense will be staff time. As mentioned above, regular communication is essential between Project Team members, center staff, interpreters, and library staff. This takes time, and lots of it! Also, allow double the time you might ordinarily for planning your story times - remember, you will be selecting for a specific cultural/language group and practicing with an interpreter.

Here is a list of some costs you can expect beyond library and center staff time.

- Interpreters - The ESD pays interpreters based on experience, ranging from \$13.00 per hour to \$22.00 per hour. These salaries are inclusive of benefits and insurance costs.
- Translation Service - Charges are by the word, and rates vary by language. For example, the cost of the Raising Readers brochure translated into Hmong and formatted as a PDF ready to print was about \$760. Hmong was one of the more expensive languages.
- Book purchases - world language paperbacks are around \$10.00 each. To have them bound will add an additional \$7, plus shipping charges and taxes.
- Audiocassettes - Studio time is going to vary between communities, but in Seattle we paid \$135 per hour of studio time. In addition there were formatting charges and duplication costs (about \$30 per language). For 80 copies of one language audiocassette (just 5 minutes per side), we paid a unit cost of \$1.80. Obviously your unit cost will go up or down depending on the number of copies you have made.
- Supplies - if you do a craft while the parents take the library tour, or as part of the story time, you will want to factor in cost for the supplies. Also, you might want to also include film to take photographs.
- In addition to these specifics listed above, our budget included some transportation costs (to bus or taxi families to the events), food for the center/library story times and for the training workshops.