

LSTA Grant Award Report

The following LSTA grants totaling \$165,974 were awarded in the Short Term Summer 2009 Grant Call.

Excellence in Library Service - \$10,141

Kirkwood Public Library - \$1,125

The Library will conduct an in-service workshop led by Debra Wilcox Johnson on customer service with a special focus on tying the importance of strong customer service to the library's mission statement.

George A. Spiva Library, Missouri Southern State University - \$1,966

The Library will offer a workshop entitled "Exceptional Customer Service: Exceeding Expectations" for library staff from Missouri Southern State University, the SWAN consortia and area public libraries. The presenter will be from the Kansas City Metropolitan Library and Information Network (KCMLIN).

Saint Charles City-County Library District - \$3,669

The Library will offer a 6 ½ hour workshop on how to better market library services and collections to specific target populations.

Springfield-Greene County Library District - \$3,381

The Library will sponsor a seminar regarding children's book recommendations, including best titles for read aloud books for specific ages, and introduce storytelling techniques and proven strategies for leading youth to fascinating books. If the presenter consents, this seminar will be made available through the public library videoconference network.

Programs for Targeted Populations - \$17,681

Cape Girardeau Public Library - \$6,041

This project will give 3rd and 4th grade students in Cape Girardeau an opportunity to learn about books and authors through multiple experiences including meeting an author, writing book reviews, and publishing reviews in the *Southeast Missourian Jr.* during the school year.

Mid-Continent Public Library - \$1,086

The Liberty Branch of the Mid-Continent Public Library will provide literacy activity sessions for the adult clients of a not-for-profit agency that provides day habilitation services, therapies, and daytime care for persons with severe mental, physical, or development disabilities, or who are medically fragile.

Morgan County R-1 School Library - \$4,744

The Library will provide two author visits during the grant period. One visit is projected to be Lisa Campbell Ernst who will engage students in grades K-4. The second visit is projected to be Dorinda Makanaonalani Nicholson who will engage students in grades 5-12. If possible, the authors will also present an evening session for parents. The purpose of the project is to increase author awareness, writing skills and reading for enjoyment.

Saint Louis County Library - \$3,582

The St. Louis County Library will offer a series of three programs provided by the University of Missouri Extension at its Tesson Ferry and Thornhill branches. Presentations will include: Safeguard Your Savings, Identity Theft, and Positive Parenting.

Wright City R-2 School District - \$2,228

The Library will offer classes that promote literacy and library services as well as encourage an increased interest in reading, books and library technology. Weekly ESL classes will include small group communication activities, reading low level books with real pictures, writing grammatically correct sentences, matching correct pronouns with verbs, pronunciation practice, as well as writing stories based on pictures. Instruction will be provided on how to negotiate the public school system as well as "library English".

Spanish That Works - \$7,714**Kansas City Public Library - \$2,714**

The Library will train sixteen staff persons from among the Library's ten branches using the Spanish That Works curriculum. LSTA funds will be used to hire the instructor, substitute staff, produce the print manuals and purchase flash cards.

Saint Louis Public Library - \$5,000

The Library will train 32 front-line staff persons using the Spanish That Works curriculum. LSTA funds will be used to hire the instructor, substitute staff, produce the print manuals and purchase flash cards. Information and skills learned will also be incorporated into the library's regular staff training.

Technology Mini Grant - \$130,438**Barton County Library - \$7,741**

The Library will replace eight public access computer stations and upgrade fifteen training lab computers to improve the network's response time and ability to run current software well.

Bollinger County Library - \$3,161

The Library will replace six computer stations: two for staff and four for public use. Additionally, a notebook will be purchased for use by Library volunteers, summer employees and staff for the purposes of cataloging, study and research.

Boonslick Regional Library - \$14,503

The Library will set up a computer training lab that includes twenty TASK stations. Classes will be offered to the public including how to use a computer, parts of the computer, setting up an e-mail account, basic genealogy searches, and how to use Microsoft Office Pro applications.

Brookfield Public Library - \$5,835

The project is to provide the citizens of Brookfield and the surrounding area with greater access to the Internet through the purchase of five laptop computers. These laptops will be available for use in the computer lab and for patron checkout.

Cedar County Library - \$10,937

The Library will purchase one server, ten laptops with Microsoft Office 2007 and Windows XP Pro, one wireless access point, one switch and ten licenses for Centurion CompuGuard/Cornerstone to replace aging equipment in the laptop lab at the El Dorado Springs branch. Additionally three desktop workstations with Microsoft Office 2007 Basic and Windows XP Pro will be purchased. Priority for these stations will be given to patrons who need a longer period of time for online classes, tests, or job skills work.

Christian County Library - \$8,873

The library will purchase eleven computers to replace ten computers that are unreliable and cannot run current software and add one computer to the children's department.

Doniphan-Ripley County Library – \$9,236

The Library will purchase eight laptops to replace aging equipment in its current lab. Additional assistive technology, such as BigKey keyboards and track balls, will be added for use by persons with disabilities.

Jefferson County Library - \$9,053

The Library will purchase a Canon MS350II digital microform reader printer and computer workstation to reduce wait time on the current reader printers, provide enhanced viewing options, and allow patrons to e-mail images or store them to portable devices for future access. Special end-user software makes the operation of the reader printer easier for patrons, greatly reducing the need for staff intervention.

Kansas City Public Library - \$12,342

The Library will purchase 34 desktop computers for the Kansas City Public Library's Central branch to replace those purchased in 2003.

Kirkwood Public Library - \$2,460

The Library will purchase a handheld circulation tool with online and offline capabilities that will give the library the ability to perform remote checkouts when they bring library materials offsite to a variety of agencies in the community.

Mexico-Audrain County Library District - \$630

The Library will purchase a portable projector that can be used for outreach programs at all five branches.

Missouri River Regional Library - \$1,484

The Library will create three subject-specific tables with specialized print resources as well as their own dedicated terminal with links to websites, databases and other online information specific to that subject. Topics will include medical information, consumer information and career and job hunting information.

Montgomery City Public Library - \$1,313

Through this project the Library will provide wireless Internet service for patrons and guests with laptops. Authentication will be required. Additionally, the Library will replace its network printer.

Palmyra Bicentennial Public Library - \$6,304

The library will upgrade its network through the purchase of a new server, monitor, hard drive and printer, and by converting its current server to a firewall. During this time, the library will also migrate from the Mandarin to the Alexandria automation system.

Rolling Hills Consolidated Library - \$3,274

The Library will purchase magnifiers which patrons can check-out for use at home. This will allow patrons with vision issues to utilize more of the library's resources, not just the large print collection.

Rolling Hills Consolidated Library - \$14,775

The Library will upgrade its wireless access system, purchase a server to host the library's website, and install uninterrupted power supplies. Additionally, a barcode reader and printer will be purchased for the Savannah branch. These upgrades will improve the library's network infrastructure with an end result of better and more secure service to patrons.

Springfield-Greene County Library District - \$13,024

The Library will replace four older laptop computers in the Edge Community Technology Center and add six laptops to increase capacity of the Center to meet patron demand. A special focus will be placed on serving people with disabilities and people needing job skills training, employment searching, test taking and resume resources.

Webster County Library - \$5,493

The Library will replace eight public access computers and one server that are at end of life.

The following LSTA intermediate grant was awarded in the amount of \$11,235.

Technology Ladder Grant - \$11,235

Lewis Library of Glasgow - \$11,235

The Library will finish the automation project begun through a recent Retrospective Conversion grant. This will offer improved and more accurate access to the library's collection.