

**LSTA Grants Awarded
May and June 2012**

Digital Imaging - \$253,955

Dana Dawson Library, St. Paul School of Theology - \$5,334

The Library, in partnership with the State Historical Society of Missouri, will digitize *The Kansas City Deaconess*, published from 1908-1943. The newsletter contains stories of young women who ventured into the most dangerous and poverty-stricken areas of Kansas City to bring social services to the poor.

Kansas City Public Library - \$41,413

The project will upload images and create metadata for the 1940 Tax Assessment Photograph Collection for Kansas City. The collection contains 4,230 block folders and 55 district maps. The photos are vintage 1" X 1.5" contact sheet prints, mounted on large folders, and arranged by city blocks. With the recently released 1940 U.S. Census, this will be a timely collection to provide to the public.

Kent Library, Southeast Missouri State University - \$73,139

This project is a partnership of historical agencies in southeast Missouri and southern Illinois designed to address the difficulties encountered by researchers in locating primary source materials on the American Civil War as it affected the Middle Mississippi River Valley and the surrounding region. The collections identified during the recent planning phase of the project will be digitized and have transcription and metadata created, making these materials digitally available to the public.

Mid-Continent Public Library - \$11,643

In partnership with the Jackson County Historical Society, the Library will expand on its initial collection of four Jackson County and Kansas City plat books to include additional plat books, atlases and maps for Jackson County, Missouri, dated prior to 1930.

Springfield-Greene County Library District - \$47,803

This proposal is a statewide, collaborative planning grant to identify and prioritize collections pertaining to Missouri's World War 1 history. Materials selected for digitization will represent established core themes that will include, but are not limited to: military contract fulfilled by Missouri industries, women's support efforts, the Influenza outbreak, and experiences of Missouri troops in combat.

State Historical Society of Missouri - \$74,623

The purpose of this project is to select, prepare, digitize and make freely available digital images of Civil War era newspapers from counties in Missouri located north of the Missouri River.

Spotlight on Literacy - \$20,598

Kansas City Public Library - \$2,880

The *Central and East High School Book Clubs* project is a partnership between the school media centers and Kansas City Public Library's L.H. Bluford Branch. Students will meet monthly during the school year to discuss specific books in a manner that creates positive social experiences around books and reading; encourages students to create their own personal libraries; and builds strong teen-library relationships.

Kansas City Public Library - \$3,940

Teen Zine is a teen-driven project to publish a magazine featuring writing and art submitted by Kansas City teenagers. A committee of teens will be formed to select content, edit, layout, design, publish and promote *Teen Zine*. Through the process committee members will read, write and gain new skills such as managing a timeline, soliciting and selecting content, and producing the final product for distribution.

Missouri River Regional Library - \$4,810

The Missouri River Regional Library (MRRL) and the Jefferson City School District Libraries will partner to encourage all students in and out of school to become readers. The activities to promote reading will include various communitywide read-aloud activities, author visits, and a shared Jefferson City Book Week. Staff from the public library will visit each school during the school year, providing a program designed by MRRL and school library staff. The culmination of that visit will be a special night at MRRL for each school.

Morgan County R-1 School Library - \$8,968

The Library will offer a *Celebrate Reading* program for elementary, middle and high school students. Activities will involve three areas: Skype author and classroom visits; family reading nights and a Celebrating Reading blog.

Technology Ladder - \$127,527**Centralia Public Library - \$8,819**

The Library will replace seven public access computers, two switches, and a printer; add a scanner; and upgrade to Office Pro software. This will improve the network's dependability, speed, and effectiveness, as well as better meet patron demand.

Hannibal Free Public Library - \$23,578

The Library will replace three digital microfilm scanners and accompanying computers that are nearing end-of-life. A switch and cables will also be purchased to make the existing drop work for the new scanners. The Library will also add handicapped accessible furniture so people with disabilities will have more equitable access to the new machines.

Kansas City Public Library - \$5,668

The Library will replace eleven public access printers that are outdated and nearing end of life. This will improve customer service to patrons at their point of need.

Kirkwood Public Library - \$7,140

The Library will replace its AWE Early Literacy Stations that are at end of life. Replacing this equipment will allow the Library to continue to offer young children age-appropriate educational programs and computer access.

Mid-Continent Public Library - \$34,020

The Library will purchase twenty AWE Early Literacy stations for installation at twenty of their branches. The stations will encourage development of reading, language and computer skills for young children.

Saint Clair County Library - \$3,766

The Library will replace an outdated staff computer; a Web server and 32 computer mice to improve staff efficiency and customer service. Seven UPSs will provide surge and battery backup protection to computer stations to improve network stability. Technology related to the bookmobile will be improved including adding a wireless hotspot and two barcode scanners.

Saint Louis County Library - \$33,750

The Library will upgrade its people counters at all locations with a system that will provide more accurate counts. In addition, the software will identify traffic patterns which will assist library staff in service planning.

Trails Regional Library - \$10,786

The Library will purchase audiovisual recording equipment, computers and software to create online tutorials and programming for use by its patrons. During the grant period, a minimum of three videos will be created including "How to Use Overdrive with Your Kindle/Nook/iPad", "Create Cute Cards Using a Cricut" and "Poetry Jam: Contest Winners Read Their Poems".

Website Makeover - \$11,682

Daviess County Library - \$4,707

The Library will completely overhaul its website, including the addition of a mobile site, to improve its presence on the Web. The site will be user-friendly for patrons and easy to maintain by library staff. A “hands-on” class introducing the new website will be offered.

Riverside Regional Library - \$6,975

The Library will redesign its website to create a sleeker, more flexible and interactive site to better meet current needs. Patrons will have access to more information, more convenient ways to contact the library, and a more user-friendly interface.