

**LSTA Grants Awarded
April 2014**

Digital Imaging Grants - \$196,399

Macon Public Library - \$51,607

The Library will digitize newspapers published in Macon County covering the years 1874 through 1950. This project will provide access to the region's history, immigrant populations, politics, agriculture, industrial advances, and family life for genealogists, historians and patrons.

St. Louis Mercantile Library - \$48,811

The Library will digitize a targeted list of 19th century St. Louis City directories currently unavailable online. City directories show the evolution of St. Louis as a city and center of immigration, making them a great resource for historical and genealogical research.

Scenic Regional Library - \$22,007

The Library will digitize German language newspapers and expand the chronological span of newspapers digitized in their 2013 grant from Gasconade, Franklin, and Warren counties. This will provide historians, students and genealogist with firsthand accounts of the people, industry, and culture of this region.

Springfield-Green County Library District - \$73,974

The *Over There: Missouri and the Great War* project will see the digitization of 74 collections pertaining to World War 1 from 23 institutions and 3 private collections. Materials selected will represent civilian support and relief efforts in Missouri; Missouri munition companies; pro and anti-German sentiment; Missouri African-American troops in combat; Missouri nurses and doctors; and Missouri sailors and marines.

Library Service Improvement - \$37,600

Albany Carnegie Public Library - \$8,350

The Library will host a series of six educational presentations on historic events. The focus will be on how those events have changed the way Missourians view life and how personal choices can change the lives of many.

Little Dixie Regional Libraries - \$6,040

The Library will contract with an area author and illustrator to prepare two programs to inspire children and adults to be authors and illustrators. The children's program titled "Picturing Words, Writing Pictures" will focus on children in grades 3 through 5, be held in area schools and include hands-on activities to apply what they have learned. The adult program will look at the bookmaking process and include the creation of accordion books written and illustrated by the participants.

Rolla Public Library - \$7,316

The Library will offer a teen program designed to strengthen young adult engagement with the library and the community while providing opportunities for teens to improve logic, reading, math, and research skills. Programs will occur weekly during the summer months and monthly during the school year.

Trails Regional Library - \$15,894

The Library will create several digital media production workstations for use by the public. The Library has collaborated with University of Central Missouri and Warrensburg R-6 educators to select the equipment for the workstations and to offer classes to the library service area on digital media creation and production.

Spotlight on Literacy - \$49,645**Maryville Public Library - \$6,377**

The Library will initiate two literacy projects. The early literacy program consists of family literacy nights held at six area elementary schools and an early literacy public service campaign. Skills shown at the family literacy nights can be replicated at home. The Library's second literacy project will fulfill a need identified in their community by providing a technology and digital literacy program for adults. This program is designed to provide computer skills tutoring and assistance to help individuals improve computer skills and find employment.

Mid-Continent Public Library - \$18,950

The Library will implement a literacy program targeting youth ages 12 through 18 to improve their digital literacy and acquire marketable computer skills. To accomplish this goal, Creation Stations providing the audience tools and training to learn and explore the world of content creation will be established at the Woodneath and Blue Ridge branches as well as a mobile unit that can travel between the library's branches.

Rolling Hills Consolidated Library - \$5,472

The Library will expand its writing club to improve patrons' writing and communication skills. Ten presenters will teach 21 classes covering the different facets of creative writing such as creative non-fiction, memoirs, suspense, and historical fiction. The club will also encourage participation by attendees in the National Novel Writing Month challenge in November.

St. Louis County Library District - \$12,216

The Library will have an early literacy and early computer literacy program focusing on app usage to enhance story time and interactive learning. Thirty workshops for parents and their children will also be held to show how to safely and effectively use the apps for interactive learning.

Springfield-Greene County Library District - \$6,630

The Library will lay the foundation for youth grades 4 through 12 to explore coding and computing through the Raspberry Pi program. Raspberry Pi is a program developed for children to learn how to program simple computers in a safe manner giving them hands-on experience.

Retrospective Conversion Grant - \$15,657

Schuyler County Library District - \$15,657

The Library will convert from a card catalog to an online catalog, enabling them to complete the first step in providing an integrated library system, improving customer service and more accurately reflecting the library's collection.

Technology Ladder Grant - \$116,765

Barton County Library - \$7,153

The Library will purchase three children's early literacy stations and thirty learning tablets. The devices will be used in conjunction with current programs to reinforce the education ideas presented to young children and to provide a solid technical foundation.

Hannibal Free Public Library - \$15,248

The Library will replace eleven staff computers, ten laptops in the training lab, five barcode scanners, and purchase two public wireless routers. Replacement equipment is at end of life and the staff computers use an operating system that will no longer be supported by the manufacturer. The upgrade will provide efficient and reliable computer service to the library's patrons and operations.

Mid-Continent Public Library - \$35,000

The Library will acquire thirty-five UbiDuo dual screen communication devices.. The devices will allow library staff to communicate face-to-face with patrons with hearing and/or speech impairments without an interpreter. The new equipment will provide a higher level of service and improve the library experience for many patrons.

Polk County Library - \$14,131

The Library will purchase twelve laptops, six desktop computers, ten time management software licenses, twenty-four security software licenses, eight monitors, three all-in-one computers, four wireless mice, four receipt printers, four barcode scanners, ten surge protectors, and five UPS protectors. The laptops, computers and monitors will be used to replace equipment using obsolete operating systems or that has malfunctioned. Additional receipt printers and barcode scanners are needed to serve patrons at the circulation desks at each branch. The remaining equipment is needed to operate the new computers securely and efficiently.

Springfield-Greene County Library - \$34,704

The Library will develop an interactive website, contextualizing the historical collections being digitized through the *Over There: Missouri and the Great War* project. The website will be developed to include detailed narrations and 360-degree photos of artifacts historically significant to the project. The website's creation is timed to coincide with the War's approaching centennial.

Texas County Library - \$10,529

The Library will purchase four children's literacy stations, two projectors and two screens to meet increased patron demands. Two projectors and two screens that are at end of life will be replaced as well.