

**LSTA Grant Awards
August 2008**

The following LSTA grants totaling \$235,805 were awarded in the Summer 2008 Short Term Grant Call.

Every Child Ready to Read - \$1,400

Barton County Library - \$700

Every Child Ready to Read Workshops will be conducted through the Mary K. Finley branch of the Barton County Library. The Library will partner with BARCEDA Families, Early Head Start and Liberal R-II School Parents as Teachers. Three workshops will be held, one at the library, one at the elementary school, and one at a location to be determined. In addition to promoting the workshops to their respective audiences, the project partners will provide the location for the event, refreshments and attendance incentives.

Grundy County Library - \$700

The program will train parents, grandparents, and daycare providers in preparing young children for reading readiness prior to starting school. The program partners, Romper Room Preschool and Child Care and the Green Hills Community Action Agency, will invite their clientele to the classes as well as host one hour sessions. There will also be one five to six hour session on a weekend to accommodate those who cannot attend during the week. Child care and a meal will be provided on the day of the extended session. The public will also be invited.

Excellence in Library Service - \$35,494

Cass County Library - \$3,500

The Library will contract with Ron Cox of Dale Carnegie Training to provide a training opportunity for members of the Cass County Public Library staff in elevating performance through friendly, quality and loyalty-building customer service to the newly diverse population. The half-day session will have hands-on training with activities, role-playing and curriculum developed for the Library's purposes. There will be specific break-out sessions in areas where customer service performance might be improved such as reference services and database research.

Joplin Public Library - \$1,994

Dealing with Difficult People is a staff training session required for Joplin Public Library staff and open to other southwest Missouri library staff members as well. The session is intended to give staff ideas and strategies for dealing with difficult or upset patrons, hopefully resolving a situation before it escalates thus providing a better library experience for all involved.

Richmond Heights Memorial Library - \$15,000

The Library will hire a consultant to develop and conduct a survey that will identify the needs and desires of its community regarding library services. The results of the survey will be used to formulate a strategic plan for the next three to five years.

Saint Joseph Public Library - \$15,000

The Library will contract with Opinion Research Specialists, LLC to write and complete a scientific telephone survey of 800 residents living within the library district, 400 users and 400 non-users. The purpose of the survey is to determine the needs and desires of the citizens of Saint Joseph as they relate to the library district. Based on the responses to the survey, the library will provide programs, services, resources, and materials to best meet those needs and desires.

Library Outreach to Spanish Speakers - \$2,500

Wright City R-II School District Middle School Library - \$2,500

The Library will hold two eight-week sessions of Families and Computers/Familias y Computadores. Older children and adults will learn basic computer skills and how to access school information. Children fourth grade and under will have story times that will promote cultural understanding in the community as well as improve the English language skills of the children.

Programs for Targeted Populations - \$12,890

Joplin Public Library - \$2,570

This grant will provide three programs for the Library's monthly Coffee Talk series which targets seniors. Topics will include Spooklight, a local phenomenon, Langston Hughes, and Frank Thomas. The James and Hughes programs will be repeated at the Spring River Christian Village, a retirement community in Joplin. This is a new partnership for the Library as it seeks innovative ways to reach the underserved.

North Kansas City Public Library and High School Media Center - \$2,952

The Library will offer 22 educational programs supporting the following curriculum areas: Math, Social Studies, Communication Arts, Science and Arts. The target audience is families that home school their children.

Pierce City Middle and High School Library - \$2,400

The grant will provide the first ever author visit to this school district. The author, Susan Beth Pfeffer, is popular with both middle and high school students and wrote *Life As We Know It*, a title nominated for both the Truman and Gateway awards for 2008-2009. Event attendees must have read *Life As We Know It* or another title written by Ms. Pfeffer. Ms. Pfeffer will give four presentations one of which may be available through videoconference if the district can arrange for equipment use.

Rolling Hills Consolidated Library - \$2,468

The Rolling Hills Consolidated Library will offer a series of featured speakers to supplement the six-week traveling exhibition they anticipate having called "Pride and Passion: The African American Baseball Experience". The library hopes that at least some of the programs will be offered to other public libraries through the public library videoconference network. Additionally, the Library will supplement its African American literature collection.

Southern Reynolds County R2 High School Library - \$2,500

The Library will provide an Online GED Study Group program one evening a week in the high school library. There will be two facilitators onsite to assist with computer training and GED testing.

Spanish That Works - \$12,778

Joplin Public Library - \$1,990

The Library will train 16 staff persons using the Spanish That Works curriculum. The State Library will provide the manuals.

Kansas City Public Library - \$1,964

The Library will train 16 staff persons using the Spanish That Works curriculum. The State Library will provide the manuals.

Marshall Public Library - \$1,574

The Library will train 12 staff persons using the Spanish That Works curriculum. The State Library will provide the manuals.

Saint Louis County Library - \$7,250

The Library will offer sessions at three of its branches with 16 staff persons attending each session, using the Spanish That Works curriculum. The Saint Louis County Library will provide the manuals.

Technology Mini Grant - \$170,743

Barton County Library - \$2,796

The Library will replace ten monitors that are six to eleven years old with flat panel monitors that will provide a better display, greater energy efficiency, and improved workspace. Additionally, an upgrade to the current patron computer security system will allow automatic scheduled maintenance during off hours. This improved security will free technical staff for other duties and allow patrons continual access to the computers while the library is open.

Bollinger County Library - \$1,650

The Library will purchase a projector for use at forums, town meetings, and library programs.

Brookfield Public Library - \$5,971

The Library will replace five outdated computers. Four will be for patron use; the other for administrative use.

Cameron Public Library - \$4,793

The Library will purchase a digital microfilm scanner to replace equipment which is no longer operable and cannot be repaired.

Cape Girardeau Public Library - \$4,196

The Library will replace its microfilm reader/printer which is no longer operable and cannot be repaired.

Cedar County Library - \$3,138

The Library will install time and print management software to help control printing and monitor computer use. This will automate clerical duties currently handled by library staff, freeing their time for other service opportunities. A survey will be conducted to determine effectiveness and ease of use for the patron.

Daviess County Library - \$5,241

The Library will create a One Stop Print Center where patrons, library staff and other persons using the Daviess County Library would have one convenient, central location to access a networked printer. New services would include color printing, scanning, and faxing for the public.

De Soto Public Library - \$9,124

The Library will replace its microfilm reader with an ST-200X Digital Library Reader/Printer. A computer and two monitors will be purchased for use with the digital reader/printer.

Doniphan-Ripley County Library - \$4,423

The Library will purchase a new server and operating system for the library's circulation module and public access catalog. Technical assistance for installation is included.

Festus Public Library - \$7,346

The Library will purchase a digital microfilm scanner to replace equipment that no longer provides a clear image. An added service is library staff will be able to e-mail digital images to patrons within the community and beyond.

Hannibal Free Public Library - \$18,793

The Library will purchase ten computers for staff and public use, memory upgrades for six additional computers, a server, two color laser printers, ancillary equipment, and three handicapped accessible tables and chairs to better serve its library patrons.

Kansas City Public Library - \$18,379

The Library assists with funding of 25 laptop computers dedicated for teen use at five of its branches: L.H. Bluford, North-East, Southwest, Trails West and Waldo Community.

Keller Public Library - \$1,233

The Library recently had a new microfilm scanner added to the genealogy department. However, the older existing lens is not capable of meeting the performance capabilities of the new machine. Hence, the Library will purchase a new lens and framing kit to allow optimum performance with superior resolution. Installation and training costs are included in the project funds.

Macon County Library - \$10,569

The Macon Public Library will purchase a new network server and upgrade its library software from SirsiDynix's *Unicorn GL3.1* to *Symphony*. This will allow for greater network security and improved access to the online resources for patrons. The project also allows the library to do full backups of data without system down time for patrons. Staff and patrons will be trained on using the new version of the online catalog.

Maryville Public Library - \$5,337

The Maryville Public Library will provide wireless connectivity throughout the library in a secure manner.

McDonald County Library - \$4,196

The Library will replace its current microfilm reader/print with a Canon MS300 digital reader/printer. The current machine is unreliable and expensive to repair.

Oregon County Library - \$18,627

The Library will replace 23 outdated computers whose average age is five to seven years old: thirteen at the Alton Public Library and ten at the Thayer Branch. Two new 24-port switches will also be installed.

Riverside Regional Library - \$3,488

The Library will purchase and install a new terminal services server and accompanying software licenses to enhance network performance. Technical support is included in the budget.

Salem Public Library - \$6,617

The Library will replace four public access computers and one administrative unit. Two adjustable workstations to better serve persons with special needs will be purchased. A digital camera will also be purchased to improve the recording of events.

Scotland County Memorial Library - \$5,287

The Library will replace the automation server, which is four years old and unreliable; four public access computers that are between three and eight years old; and one staff computer that is no longer operable.

Sikeston Public Library - \$11,324

The Library will upgrade its circulation system from Sagebrush to Follett Destiny. Sagebrush is no longer supported by its vendor. A new server will be purchased that is powerful enough to run the software. Additionally, the library will replace three staff computers, two barcode scanners, two receipt printers, and a networked printer, replacing equipment that is no longer reliable. Funds are also included to purchase a new wireless inventory scanner and technical support for server and software installation.

University City Public Library - \$18,215

The Library will replace nine public access computers, a server, and the network printer in the Youth Services Department. Current equipment cannot handle new applications nor can they be upgraded to do so. Additionally, the library will add a self-check machine in that department to allow for improved, independent use of the library's collection.