LSTA Grants Awarded
February 2017

Summer Library Program Grants- $373,632

Albany Carnegie Public Library-$6,161
The Library will partner with Albany R-III Summer School, Wee Care, Adventure Club, and local churches to conduct the summer reading program targeting preschoolers, elementary children, and teens. The Library will encourage fictional and nonfictional reading, and explore science, nature, architecture and engineering through weekly STEAM programming.

Barton County Library- $8,574
The Library will conduct an eight-week summer reading program for all ages. Program activities will be based on the national theme, Build a Better World. Age appropriate reading challenges will be set for participants to successfully complete the program. Additionally, the library will provide weekly story times, weekly programs for teens to spark their interest in reading, and programming for adults.

Cape Girardeau Public Library-$14,990
The Library will conduct a nine-week program for children, teens and adults with an emphasis on (1) building relationships and increasing participation through partnerships with schools and community organizations; (2) enhancing learning experiences by providing story times and educational programming; and (3) engaging children and teens in new and exciting library experiences by providing access to interactive learning, research, technology, and creative expressions through weekly programming.

Carrollton Public Library-$4,618
The Library will conduct an eight-week summer reading programs for children ages birth to 13 years. Summer reading participants will set their own goals, and special programs emphasizing the theme of Build a Better World will be held to further engage learning. During the eight-week program, the Library will provide weekly story times, activities to reinforce the theme, and outreach programming.

Carter County Library-$8,548
The Library will conduct an eight-week program for patrons of all ages from May 22nd through July 28th using the national theme, Build a Better World. Events will include age appropriate activities to reinforce the theme. Each branch will partner with the local school district to provide programs and services to children who are unable to access the library.

Carthage Public Library-$9,000
The Library will use the national theme, Build a Better World, to conduct an eight-week summer reading program for all ages. The Library will encourage family connectivity by providing weekly in-house programs, bilingual story times, outreach programs, and other hands-on activities with a special emphasis on reaching bilingual families. Grant funds will fully support additional staff hours to plan and implement the program and three educational presentations.
Dade County Library-$2,799
The Library will conduct an eight-week summer program for patrons of all ages from June 1st through July 28th. The Library will use the theme Build a Better World with different weekly subthemes of Building a Solid Foundation, Build a Better Future: Rethink, Recycle to Build a Stronger Community, and Building Relationships. Weekly in-house programs and activities that reinforce each subtheme will be held.

Daniel Boone Regional Library-$20,000
The Library will conduct a ten-week program focusing on reaching students kindergarten through 12th grade who live at least 12 miles from the public library. The Books by Snail program allows children and teens to order books to be mailed to them without the patrons incurring any expense.

De Soto Public Library-$3,640
The Library will conduct a twelve-week summer reading program for patrons of all ages from May 1st through August 5th. The Library will provide story times, crafts, activities, and special programs that focus on the national theme, Build a Better World.

Doniphan-Ripley County Library-$8,085
The Library will conduct an eight-week summer program for patrons of all ages from May 30th through July 2th using the theme Build a Better World. The eight-week program will consist of weekly story times for preschoolers, multisensory activities for children, and a book club for teens to spark their interest in reading.

Ferguson Municipal Public Library-$3,077
The Library will conduct a ten-week Build a Better World summer reading program for patrons of all ages to encourage community reading during the summer. Age-appropriate reading challenges will be set for participants to successfully complete the program. Weekly programs will be provided with an emphasis on (1) Build a Better You; (2) Build a Better Home; and (3) Build a Better World. Additionally, the Library will include special programming for babies through pre-kindergarten to help promote early literacy among families.

Gentry County Library-$9,000
The Library will conduct an eight-week summer reading program for children age 0 through Grade 8. The Library will provide multisensory programs focusing on the national theme, Build a Better World. Participants will be required to read a minimum of 20 minutes per day to successfully complete the program. To assist with addressing the transportation issue, bus transportation will be available to bring children from area day cares and the King City R-1 School to the library.

Hannibal Free Public Library-$3,905
The Library will use the theme Building a Better World to conduct a nine-week summer reading program for all ages. A special effort will be made to reach unserved and underserved elementary-age children. The program will consist of weekly story times for preschoolers; multisensory activities for children; and several special events for a variety of ages.
Henry County Library-$4,728
The Library will conduct an eight-week summer reading program for all patrons. During the eight-week program, the Library will conduct programs focusing on the theme Build a Better World with age-appropriate reading challenges set for participants to complete the program. Additionally, the Library will contract with an author to provide three educational presentations that also encourage patrons to read.

James Memorial Public Library-$7,858
The Library will conduct a nine-week summer library program for patrons of all ages. The Library will offer in-house programs three times per week; twice-weekly programming for all ages, and weekly programming designed for children age six and younger. Programs will focus on the national theme, Build A Better World.

Joplin Public Library-$14,487
The Library will conduct a nine-week summer reading program for patrons of all ages. The Library will use the national theme, Build a Better World. The Library will partner with Leffen Center for Autism to provide outreach story times. Additionally, the Library will provide in-house programming, weekly story times for children ages birth to 5, programming and book club meetings for teens, and expand its mailer program to provide books to elementary children who lack access to the library.

Kirkwood Public Library- $6,125
The Library will conduct a thirteen-week outer space themed summer reading program for community members of all ages. Age-appropriate reading challenges will be set for participants to successfully complete the reading program. The program will consist of weekly in-house story times, outreach story times, age-appropriate activities to reinforce the weekly subtheme, and hands-on activities that focus on space and the solar eclipse. In addition, the Library will conduct outreach visits to day camps and day cares.

Marceline Carnegie Library- $7,582
The Library will conduct a summer reading program for people of all ages from June 1st through July 28th using the theme Build a Better Tomorrow. The Library will conduct weekly events that include age-appropriate activities to reinforce the weekly subtheme. In addition, children and teens will participate in a reading challenge; weekly programs will be held for teens to spark their interest in reading; and programming will be provided for adults.

Marshall Public Library- $9,000
The Library will conduct an eight-week program focusing on diverse cultures within the community. The eight-week program will include a book discussion program focusing on cultural diversity, crafts and activities, and special programs that focus on various art, music, and literature of different ethnicities.
**McDonald County Library- $12,000**
The Library will conduct an eight-week summer reading program for patrons of all ages. The program will begin June 3rd and end July 29th, and will focus on the theme Build a Better World. The Library will provide story times, STEAM-based multisensory activities for children, weekly programs for teens to spark their interest in reading, and weekly library activities focusing on the program theme.

**Mid-Continent Public Library- $10,453**
The library will conduct a ten-week summer library program for patrons of all ages from May through July using the theme Build a Better World. During the ten-week program, the Library will initiate a new outreach effort to reach high-risk children, their parents, and other caregivers at strategic locations within the Mid-Continent Public Library District through use of the library’s new mobile literacy unit, the *Reading Rocket*. The *Reading Rocket* will provide families with access to reading activities throughout the summer via reading kits.

**Morgan County Library- $4,825**
The Library will conduct an eight-week summer reading program for patrons of all ages from May 31st through July 26th. The program will consist of multisensory activities to reinforce the weekly subtheme for children; a LEGO workshop, robotic programming and a book club for teens; and a book discussion program for adults.

**Mound City Public Library- $5,950**
The Library will conduct an eight-week program from May 30th through July 25th, using the theme Build a Better World. Participants will set their own weekly reading goals. During the eight-week program, the Library will provide story times, crafts and activities, and special programs that focus on the theme.

**Neosho Newton County Library- $11,174**
The Library will conduct a nine-week summer reading program, focusing on the theme Build a Better World. During the program participants will receive time logs and keep track of time read. The Library will focus on improving participants’ reading ability and promoting literacy to underserved populations. In addition, the library will hold special educational programs complementing the theme.

**Ozark Regional Library- $13,621**
The library will conduct an eight-week summer reading program for children and teens using the theme Build a Better World. Age-appropriate reading challenges will be set for participants to successfully complete the program. The program will consist of weekly story times for preschoolers, multisensory activities for children, and a book club and weekly programs for teens that focus on the national theme.

**Polk County Library- $8,215**
The Library will conduct an eight-week summer reading program for patrons of all ages. The Library will allow participants to set their own reading goals. Activities will focus on the national theme, Build a Better World. In addition, the Library will also offer educational presentations once a week for families and community members of all ages.
Riverside Regional Library- $11,956
The Library will conduct an eight-week summer reading program for patrons of all ages. Special weekly programs emphasizing the theme Build a Better World will be held. The Library will also provide weekly story times, toddler times, weekly programs and a book club for teens, and book discussions and programming for adults. Multisensory activities selected from CSLP manual will complement the subtheme of the week.

Rolla Public Library- $12,000
The Library will conduct a ten-week summer library program for patrons of all ages from June through August. The Library will use the theme Build a Better World and the program will focus on addressing the literacy needs of teen parents and their children, individuals with developmental disabilities, and non-native English-speaking families by providing reading and literacy events. In addition, the Library will provide expanded outreach through partnering agencies, in-house story times, outreach story times, age appropriate activities to reinforce the weekly subtheme, and hands-on activities.

Sikeston Public Library-$11,250
The Library will use the theme Build a Better World for its summer reading program. To conduct the program, the Library will partner with the YMCA Summer Day Camp to provide a ten-week program and the Lincoln University Summer Enrichment Camp to provide a six-week program to campers. The programs will consist of enrichment activities tied to reading, crafts, and special programs that focus on the theme.

Springfield-Greene County Library- $20,000
The Library will conduct an outreach program from May through July targeting low income families and those with greatest need in the community using the national theme, Build a Better World. Its outreach efforts will include providing a variety of theme-related programs, reading and enrichment activities, and other library services at 125 locations throughout Greene County. Transportation barriers are reduced as programs are brought onsite to partner locations.

St. Charles City-County Library-$20,000
The Library will provide a ten-week program for patrons of all ages. The Library will introduce the importance of early literacy skills to parents of pre-readers through theme-related programs. In addition, the ten-week program will include story times for babies, educational presentations, weekly programs for teens to spark their interest in reading, and book discussions for adults. To tie into the St. Charles-County Library District Foundation’s, “Take 20 and Read” program, participants will record reading in 20 minute increments.

St. Clair County Library-$9,000
The Library will conduct a ten-week summer library program for children ages birth through high school. The Library will provide story times, crafts, and activities. In addition, the Library will partner with the Osceola Housing Authority to provide weekly programming events at the Authority.
St. Joseph Public Library- $11,550
The Library will conduct an eight-week summer reading program for people of all ages. Participants will set and track their own reading goals. Activities will focus on the national theme, Build a Better World, and they will include in house story times, hands-on activities that focus on STEM, and outreach programs.

St. Louis County Library- $20,000
The Library will conduct an eleven-week summer library program for patrons of all ages from May 22nd through August 5th. Age-appropriate reading challenges will be set for participants to successfully complete the program. The Library will use grant funds to cover the expense of purchasing billboards to promote their summer reading club program throughout the county.

St. Louis Public Library- $17,000
The Library will conduct a program from May 22nd through July 28th targeting children and their families, using the theme “Just Read!” The program will focus on independent readers and children beginning to read for enjoyment and information. In addition, the library will provide a Read Aloud/Read Along Program to help children practice reading, and use community partners to provide Special Interests Camps focusing on theater, film, tinkering, engineering invention, computer and computer coding, wellness and health, robotics and fashion design.

Stone County- $7,918
The Library will use the national theme Build a Better World to conduct an eight-week program for patrons of all ages. Age-appropriate reading challenges will be set for participants to successfully complete the program. The program will consist of weekly in-house story times, outreach story times, and complementary activities to reinforce the weekly subtheme.

University City Public Library- $15,000
The Library aims to expand reading opportunities for patrons of all ages and broaden its outreach efforts to differently-abled persons in the community by conducting a summer reading program from May 17th through August 15th. The Library will use the theme Build a Better World, with a series of book discussions and enrichment programs to complement The Big Book Challenge books, *David Copperfield* and *Born Bright: A Young Girl’s Journey from Nothing to Something*. Additionally, the Library will install a StoryWalk in a local park.