

Missouri State Library
Digital Imaging Grants and Spotlight on Literacy Grants
Awarded May 2021

Digital Imaging Grants

The State Historical Society of Missouri-\$100,000

During this grant cycle, SHSMO proposes to digitize approximately 370,000 pages from eight counties in north-central and northwest Missouri that have no digital newspaper content. Preliminary work has located 76 viable titles on over 600 reels of film. The counties included in this grant cycle are Atchison, DeKalb, Caldwell, Clay, Harrison, Mercer, Putnam, and Sullivan. There is over 750,000 pages of content to choose from in these eight counties.

Missouri Valley College-\$1,977

Mid-Continent Public Library requested funds to purchase 100 Chromebooks and associated accessories (charger, mouse, etc.) to pilot the MCPL Chromebooks To Go Kits project. The Chromebook Kits will be paired with the accessories to create 100 kits available for public checkout.

Spotlight on Literacy Grants

Kirkwood Public Library-\$7,357

Kirkwood Public Library (KPL) will expand homebound services in response to COVID restrictions. This service focuses on the elderly and will continue to do so while adding services for those who are temporarily homebound due to illness or quarantine.

Carthage Public Library-\$17,985

For the sixth consecutive year, Carthage Public Library will assist adult learners, 17 years and older to learn to read, write and speak in English as well as Spanish.

University City Public Library-\$14,912

The University City Public Library (UCPL) will use awarded grant funds to expand early literacy resources and services to reach at-risk children and promote early literacy skills in the households of those in at-risk groups.

Kansas City Public Library-\$13,959

The Library will provide programs for small, grassroots organization leaders, often women of color, who serve at-risk youth in Kansas City where learning equity gaps stymie youth's ability to learn and thrive. This work builds on nearly a decade of Library research, community building, and training, which led to the founding of KCLX (Kansas City Learning Exchange).

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Mound City Public Library-\$4,450

STEM for Curious Minds, is an after school program for 3rd-5th graders This will provide a safe and free after school environment for children to enrich their understanding of and increase their interest in STEM topics, mainly through hands-on activities and the occasional relevant presentation. The library and the community will both benefit from this program: the library by increased patron traffic and use of resources, and the community will benefit by having a free educational opportunity for area children now and hopefully a richer abundance of local young people in STEM careers in the future.

St. Joseph Public Library-\$11,280

This program aims to strengthen connections between the library, our partner organizations, and local families through in-person and virtual programming efforts. Programs aim to promote early literacy skills and encourage the use of library resources and technology among underserved families with young children, as well as expand access to professional development for local childcare providers.