Long Term Grants Awarded May 2020

Digital Imaging Grants - $274,687

Kansas City Public Library - $33,457
The project provides easy online access to audio and video oral history recordings from cultural institutions. The proposed grant supports extraction or reformatting of files for online presentation, research, metadata and outsourced transcription.

Missouri Botanical Garden - $41,050
This project funds the first phase of the digitization of the papers of the founder of the Missouri Botanical Garden, Henry Shaw (1800-1889).

MOBIUS - $94,080
MOBIUS will implement Vital for 27 member libraries. This grant would support: the first-year software and implementation fee; hosting for digital files; and training and mentoring for participating institutions. Six libraries will be migrating data to Vital from other platforms.

State Historical Society of Missouri - $106,100
The Missouri Digital Newspaper Project will provide historically significant newspapers in digital format for every county in Missouri over the course of several years. This is the third year of the project. During the 2020-2021 grant cycle. titles will be selected from counties along the Mississippi River and the prairie counties of central and north Missouri that currently have no digital content. Titles may also be selected from Worth, Livingston and Grundy Counties where high interest in newspaper content has been expressed.

Spotlight on Literacy - $140,864

Cape Girardeau Public Library - $15,125
The Racing to Read initiative enables the library to connect with at-risk families and underserved populations in order to promote the importance of early literacy and reading to children. Target audiences include expectant mothers, families with children ages birth-6 years, early childhood caregivers, and community partnerships with programs that serve families with children in the target age range (especially those serving low-income families at-risk populations).

Carter County Library - $18,000
The Carter County Library will hold programs designed to encourage literacy skill development in the library and at outreach locations Part of the project includes helping families expand in-home libraries which in turn will increase their opportunities to be able to read and grow in the skills they have learned.

Carthage Public Library - $6,771
This project targets underserved as well as unserved population of Hispanics in Carthage who possibly live at or below the poverty level. Program elements will include bilingual story times at the library and at the Dual Immersion and Head Start classes off-site. The goal is to ready children to read when they enter kindergarten, especially those who come from families where English is not spoken and the parents cannot read or write in either Spanish or English.

Carthage Public Library - $18,000
This project has two purposes: to meet the needs of adult learners, 17 years and older, who wish to learn to read, write and speak in English as well as Spanish; and to provide instruction to participants preparing for the naturalization process and citizenship exam.

Clearwater R-1 School District - $7,022
"Strengthening the Workforce through School and Community Engagement" is part of a comprehensive program that equips youth and adults with digital and career literacies to help them become productive citizens in a community plagued by low income.

Daniel Boone Regional Library - $12,287
Daniel Boone Regional Library's "Teaching Media Literacy" project will improve media literacy skills in patrons, giving them more confidence in being able to identify trustworthy, online content.

Joplin Public Library - $6,294
Joplin Public Library plans to provide early literacy resources to commonly underserved populations in the community. They will achieve this by continuing to offer an outreach storytime program, providing classrooms with themed storytime kits, and training childcare providers in storytime best practices.

Mid-Continent Public Library - $3,250
The Mid-Continent Public Library Youth Services staff will continue its pilot program designed to strengthen the early literacy skills development techniques of in-home daycare providers.

Mound City Public Library - $4,450
STEM All Around Us 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 relevant presentations.

Nevada Public Library - $6,386
Nevada Public Library will enhance its current MakerSpace programs by purchasing various robotics kits to add a new STEM program for youth ages 5-18. This will aid in the exploration of digital and STEM literacy through different types of app-controlled and autonomous robotics and electronics kits.

St. Joseph Public Library - $12,165
This project aims to strengthen the St. Joseph Public Library's services for families with young children on an individual, organizational, and community-wide level. The project involves four areas of improvement: educating library staff to establish a united approach to working with young children in the library's service area, expanding partnership efforts to offer new outreach programs in local childcare facilities with at-risk clientele, strengthening library resources intended to boost reading readiness in pre-Kindergarten children, and providing much-needed support for literacy-focused partnership efforts.

University City Public Library - $10,013
University City Public Library seeks to bring cutting edge and new emerging technology to its youth patrons through the use of Virtual Reality, Tactile User Interfaces, and Universal Design for Learning. Youth patrons are growing up within a world where digital literacy skills will greatly affect their ability to interact, participate, and thrive. By giving them the building blocks to develop strong foundations in digital literacy and exposing them to new technologies, participants can develop or strengthen skills that will enable them to build a better future for themselves and their community.

University City Public Library - $12,106
University City Public Library will partner with University City area preschools to expand its resources and services that promote early literacy skills development, especially in high-risk children.

Webster Groves Public Library - $8,995
The Webster Groves Public Library will offer a series of six food literacy programs for children and adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Each individual program will demonstrate and provide hands-on learning about food safety, following a recipe, food preparation, serving and healthy eating. The programs will aid the participants in gaining experience for jobs, independence in daily living and provide an inclusive social experience at the public library.

Technology Ladder – $229,184

Barry-Lawrence Regional Library - $17,754
The project replace eight early literacy computers throughout the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library system.

Centralia Public Library - $9,416
The Centralia Public Library intends to offer patrons circulating technology in tablet form. The goal is to offer low-income families a way to educate themselves and their children without exposure to unintended content. These devices will be integrated into existing programs and events throughout the grant period.

Daniel Boone Regional Library - $11,710
The grant project will improve library services and patron experience for Callaway County residents by replacing and updating outdated early literacy stations at the Fulton Branch, and adding new stations at the Holts Summit branch.

Daviess County Library - $20,152
This initiative will provide upgraded computers to improve performance and resources impacting both patrons and staff. Library computers are the sole internet access for many in the rural community as a result of either financial or geographic situations, thus providing a variety of critical services and information resources.

North Kansas City Public Library - $40,000
The library will improve library services and patron experience by replacing and updating outdated equipment for which the operating system is no longer supported.

Sedalia Public Library - $8,625
This project updates an outdated website for the library.

Springfield-Greene County Library District - $34,500
"Show Me Missouri" will develop a website telling the story of Missouri and Missourians through the lens of 200 historically and culturally significant objects.

Texas County Library - $11,645
Seventeen upgraded new computers will be purchased for the Houston branch in Texas County. Updating the computers will allow the library to better serve the patrons, and the Texas County community.

State Historical Society of Missouri (SHSMO) - $40,000
This project will capture images in digital format and record the images onto microfilm for preservation and future use. The archive writer technology will allow SHSMO to reduce costs by producing its own microfilm on a cost-saving modern system rather than continuing to rely on outside vendors to deliver microfilm made with decades-old technology.

University City Public Library - $35,382
This project will benefit the patrons of University City Public Library by making self-check more reliable and easier to use, and the staff by reducing the time spent on circulation tasks and managing inventory.