

LSTA Grants Awarded August 2015

Racing to Read Grant- \$104,971

Cameron Public Library-\$8,359

The library will promote early literacy within the community by providing story times and holding early literacy programs for families at the library, local Early Childhood Special Education preschools, and the local WIC center. The family early literacy events will include reading a story using early literacy skill development techniques, doing activities to complement the book, and providing a book to each family in attendance so they can practice the skills used at home.

Cape Girardeau Public Library-\$19,979

The library will conduct four Jumpstart Kindergarten early literacy workshops in the library, three early literacy workshops at partnering locations, and enhance its existing early literacy collection. The family early literacy events will include reading a story using early literacy skill development techniques, doing activities to complement the book, and providing a book to each family in attendance so they can practice the skills used at home. In addition, the library will provide books to the St. Francis Medical Center NICU to create a sibling library for families with infants in the NICU.

Carthage Public Library-\$12,110

The library will hold four early literacy events at partnering locations, hold bilingual story times at the library to reach patrons learning English, and enhance the existing early literacy collection to encourage "Play" and promote symbolic development.

Cedar County Library- \$2,238

The library will strengthen its partnerships with the local Head Starts in Stockton and El Dorado Springs by providing early literacy events at partner locations. In addition, the library will also provide in-house story times at each of its branches, and enhance its existing early literacy collection. Each family who attends will receive a book for their home library and early literacy materials to use at home.

Christian County Library-\$6,211

The library will promote early literacy within the community by holding weekly story times each Friday at the local community center in Nixa. Additionally, the library will hold five early literacy training events. Two of the trainings will be held at Central branch, one will be held at the Clever branch, and the remaining two will be held at the community center in Nixa. The early literacy events will share early literacy skill development techniques with parents and caregivers.

Joplin Public Library-\$19,993

The library will promote early literacy within the community by enhancing its technology to include early literacy tablets, hosting seven “Explore and Play” events, two early literacy programs on the mobile lending library program offered by United Way’s Success by Six, conduct an additional family early literacy program for partnering agencies, host a training workshop featuring an early literacy expert, and provide a book bag sharing program for childcare providers. Families that participate in the programs will each receive a learning kit that contains a book and early literacy materials to use at home.

Little Dixie Regional Libraries- \$6,778

The library will connect children ages birth through five and their adult caregivers to resources that will promote early literacy skills and the adults’ understanding of those skills by holding a family literacy event at each of its four branches and story times at partnering locations. Each family who attends will receive a book to start home libraries.

Polk County Library- \$6,432

The library will hold two story times each at the library’s Bolivar, Humansville, and Morrisville branches. The library will also strengthen its partnerships with the local WIC center by providing weekly early literacy programs at the WIC center. The family literacy programs will share early literacy skill development techniques with parents and caregivers. Participating families will each receive a book and early literacy materials to use at home.

Riverside Regional Library- \$9,280

The library will promote early literacy within the community by conducting outreach programs with local area schools, providing story times at each of its six library branches, and enhancing its early literacy section of the library. Participants will receive one free book per family, participate in skill building sessions, and discover ways to integrate early literacy skills during everyday activities.

University City Public Library- \$13,951

The library will promote early literacy within the community by holding two educational programs, conduct outreach story times for local child care agencies, and enhance the existing early literacy collections to keep children interested in learning. Each program will incorporate early literacy techniques and provide each family with a book to keep, craft supplies and early literacy educational materials to reinforce the skills learned at home.

Technology Mini Grant - \$137,777

Barton County Library- \$4,098

The library will replace two servers that are near end of life. Replacement of the servers will provide an up-to-date and more stable networking environment. In addition, the library will replace two obsolete, malfunctioning printers with ones that will address the current needs and expectations of patrons.

Brentwood Public Library- \$7,192

The library will enhance its technology services by purchasing seven notebook computers, two tablets, a barcode scanner, and a receipt printer. The library will also add a self-checkout station.

Carrollton Public Library-\$14,525

The library will upgrade its computer lab by replacing desktop computers that have obsolete operating systems with new laptops and software. The new laptops will have more powerful operating systems, faster processing speeds, and up-to-date office software to better meet current expectations. The library will also replace a printer/copier/scanner that is near its end of life.

Cedar County Library-\$2,595

The library will replace four laptops that are obsolete and used for computer lab services. By replacing the equipment the library aims to improve its technology services offered to the patrons at its El Dorado Springs and Stockton branches.

Centralia Public Library- \$17,347

The library will replace two barcode scanners, one receipt printer, four staff computers, three teen computers, and eight public access computers that have obsolete operating systems with new computers and software. Additionally, the library will replace one server that is near its end of life. The equipment will improve customer service, staff efficiency, and network responsiveness and dependability.

Christian County Library- \$17,325

The library will replace ten public access computers that have obsolete operating systems with new computers. The library will also replace two, 24-port switches and eleven laptops for its mobile lab. The laptops for the mobile lab will provide faster processing speeds and improve patron satisfaction.

Kirkwood Public Library- \$18,000

The library will upgrade its technology infrastructure to better meet patron needs and demands by replacing four self-checkout machines that are near end of life.

Little Dixie Regional Libraries- \$9,510

The library will better meet patron needs and demands by adding four projectors to be used to facilitate library programs and services. The projectors will be installed at the branches in Moberly, Paris, Huntsville, and Madison.

Marshall Public Library- \$10,236

The library will add six public access computers, and replace two staff computers that have obsolete operating systems, with new computers, monitors, and software. Additionally, the library will add one bilingual early literacy station.

Oregon County Library District- \$4,654

The library will replace two obsolete, malfunctioning printers with two multi-functional printers that will provide patrons with features that address their current needs and expectations. The new multi-functional printers are expected to improve printing capabilities, and enhance patron accessibility, thereby improving customer satisfaction.

Pulaski County Library District- \$4,511

The library will replace two copiers/printers at its Waynesville branch that are near the end of life. The library will also add one projector and screen at the Crocker Branch, one screen at the Waynesville branch, and a document camera for each branch. Adding the projectors, screens, and document camera will enable the library to improve its capacity to communicate stories during story times as well as improve other programs provided at the library.

Springfield-Greene County Library District- \$7,369

The library will add a digital reader/ printer to address the current needs and expectations of patrons. The equipment will assist in meeting the increased demand for editing, annotating and manipulating documents; thereby, improving customer satisfaction.

St. Louis County Library District- \$14,175

The library will improve its Genealogy Department at its Central branch by adding a book scanner. The book scanner will allow for easy and safe copying of materials, provide easy digitation, increase patron access, and improve preservation of books.

University City Public Library-\$5,640

The library will install a "one button" studio for patrons. The studio allows for video and audio recordings to be made easily with a one button interface. The studio will be an additional offering to allow visually impaired patrons the same access and opportunity to create videos and audio recordings. In addition, the library will add a parabolic speaker to one of the library's existing digital signs. The speaker will allow patrons with visual impairments access to information about the programs and services the library offers. The library will also purchase a joystick to be used on public computers that is designed as an alternative mouse to be used by patrons with motor impairments.