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Department of Heritage and Arts/State Library Division Implement Library Projects

SALT LAKE CITY — This year 22 Utah libraries will be able to expand their services thanks to over \$300,000 in grants allocated through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), a federal agency which supports Utah libraries through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), and administers grant dollars through the Utah State Library Division.

In order to further support these efforts of the Utah State Library to maximize the reach and scope of LSTA grant funding, the Utah Department of Heritage & Arts has elected fund the newspaper digitization projects proposed in the applications from the Springville Public Library and the Park City Library.

“Digitizing significant portions of the Springville Herald and Park Record newspapers as far back as thirty-three years dovetails perfectly with our department’s ongoing efforts to make Utah’s newspapers available online,” said Julie Fisher, Executive Director of the Department of Heritage & Arts. “We look forward to working with these two wonderful libraries, and leveraging our digitization expertise and partnership with the Utah Digital Newspapers project.”

To date, the Utah Department of Heritage & Arts has digitized 405,456 pages of Utah newspapers from the collection of the Utah State Historical Society, all of which are now available online via the [Utah Digital Newspapers](#) portal. The projects proposed by the Springville Public Library and the Park City Library will be used as a demonstration project to explore how state resources can be utilized to digitize newspapers outside of the Historical Society’s collection.

“LSTA funds are intended to help libraries develop their central roles as community builders and used to promote improvements in services to all types of libraries,” says State Librarian Donna Jones Morris. “These latest rounds of grants are to be divided among school, public and academic libraries to help support a wide array of programs from literacy to providing broad access to databases.”

Morris says applications submitted were reviewed by committees of librarians from across the state that had the tough task of prioritizing the grants, making recommendations and final decisions. Morris says their efforts are appreciated.

The 2014 LSTA Sub-Grant recipients include: 10 grants for collection projects totaling \$98,778, three grants for digitization projects totaling \$56,054, and nine grants for technology totaling \$145,171 for a grand total of 22 grants at \$300,003. Eleven of the grant recipients are public

libraries, six are school libraries and five are academic libraries. The grant award period begins August 1, 2014 and ends June 30, 2015.

Collection Grantee

Albion Middle School Library

\$4,500

Delta High School, and consortium
of middle schools from Millard,
Beaver, Garfield, Kane, Iron,
Washington Dist./Charter Schools
\$20,000

Emery County Library System,

Orangeville Branch

\$4,510

Garland Public Library

\$6,000

North Davis Junior High Norseman

Nook Library

\$5,000

Digitization Grantee

University of Utah

S.J. Quinney Law Library

\$45,181

University of Utah

J. Willard Marriott Library

\$8,620

Weber State University

Stewart Library

\$2,253

Technology Grantee

Lewiston Public Library

\$10,000

Murray Public Library

\$38,300

Ogden School District Library

\$32,642

Pleasant Grove Library
\$6,000

Provo City Library
\$8993
Southwest Education Development
Center (SEDC) Millard School
District
\$7,322

Tremonton City Library
\$10,654

Westminster College, Giovale
Library
\$18,560

White Pine Middle School
\$12,700

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