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

This year 18 Utah libraries will be able to expand their services thanks to over \$440,000 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.

To further support these efforts to maximize the reach and scope of Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant funding, the Utah Department of Heritage & Arts (DHA) has elected to implement digitization projects for the Merrill-Cazier Library at Utah State University (USU) and the Dixie State University Library.

“These two digitization projects are a significant step in preserving Utah’s history through USU’s ‘Voices of the West’ oral descriptions and Dixie State University’s ‘Yearbook Photographic Negative Digitization Project’,” said Julie Fisher, executive director of the Department of Heritage & Arts. “This represents a new chapter for DHA’s role in preserving other formats beyond newspapers. We look forward to working with these two academic libraries.”

To date, the Utah Department of Heritage & Arts has digitized over 400,000 pages of Utah newspapers from the collection of the Utah State Historical Society. The new digitization projects will add to a growing array of online resources available free to the public.

“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,” said State Librarian Donna Jones Morris. “This latest round of grants is 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 said applications submitted were reviewed by committees of librarians from across the state, who had the tough task of prioritizing the grants, making recommendations, and final decisions. Morris added their efforts are appreciated.

The 2015 LSTA Sub-Grant recipients include grants for collection, digitization, and technology .

Collection Grantees

Emery High School
Electronic Library Enhancing Achievement Project (eLEAP)
\$25,000

Orem Public Library
E-materials Enhancement
\$5,000.

Richfield Public Library
"ACROSS the AGES" – A Discovery / Exploration Library Enrichment Program for Underserved Populations
\$13,050

Uintah County Library
Community Collections and Connections
\$14,805

Washington County Library System
Hildale Library Project – Collections
\$40,000

Weber School District Libraries
WEBER E-BOOKS ELEVATE: Increasing reading through fiction and nonfiction ebooks
\$10,000

Digitization Grantees

Orem Public Library
Who We Were: School Yearbooks of Orem
\$18,809

Weber State University Stewart Library
"Digitization of First 20 Years of High School Scrapbooks: Ogden 1908-1919; 1920-1939 & Ben Lomond 1953-1973"
\$51,000

Technology Grantees

American Fork Library
Fast Forward with RFID and Self-Check
\$39,623

Cedar City Public Library
Breaking Down Barriers
\$47,359

Eagle Mountain Public Library
STEM Early Learning at Eagle Mountain Library
\$6,250

Highland City Library
LEAPing into the Future
\$5,699

Pleasant Grove Library
Better Service Through RFID
\$49,320

Richmond Public Library
Richmond VEX IQ Robotics Seed
\$2,585

Salt Lake County Library Services
Digital Literacy To Go
\$20,000

Saratoga Springs Library
Developing Literacy Skills
\$13,610

"Southwest Educational Development Center (SEDC) and six elementary schools:
Fiddlers (Iron), Minersville (Beaver), Enterprise (Washington), Valley (Kane), Escalante (Garfield)
and Delta (Millard)."
Research 2 Write
\$8,965

Spectrum Academy
Online Video Collaboration for students with Autism
\$9,400

Summit County Library
Self-Checkout and RFID: Meeting Growing Needs and Improving Customer Experience
\$39,591

Washington County Library System
Hildale Library Project - Technology
\$20,343

Department of Heritage and Arts Digitization Projects:

Merrill-Cazier Library, Utah State University
Voices of the West
\$55,238

Dixie State University Library
Yearbook Photographic Negative Digitization Project
\$25,475

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