



Ohio LSTA Competitive Grants 2016 - 2017

Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library (CHUHPL) was awarded a Literacy grant in the amount of \$7,373 to purchase music production related technology, and contracted services of specialized music and technology professionals to provide programming to teach at-risk youth the technological skills related to music production in a supportive, collaborative learning environment. Over the course of the program, students who otherwise would never have access to advanced music technology were able to develop the technical skills required to succeed in the 21st century workforce. Increasing confidence and connecting with peers possessing similar aspirations, and building a support network in the process were measurable successes of the program.

Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) was awarded a Literacy grant in the amount of \$22,500 to assess and potentially improve Reading Buddies, a targeted early elementary literacy program, via partner evaluation, professional staff development, and emergent literacy technology. Reading Buddies is a one-on-one reading practice for students in kindergarten through third grade with library staff or volunteers. Project research identified a positive correlation between the number of Reading Buddies sessions attended by kindergarten – third grade students and progress of the MAP standardized assessment. As a result of this project, CML intends to increase access to Reading Buddies by adding additional programming days.

Garnet A. Wilson Public Library of Pike County was awarded an Outreach & Partnership grant in the amount of \$24,000 to purchase secure, quality display cases to house the John Jackson Rockshelter Collection, a donated collection of over 2,500 prehistoric artifacts that originated and were discovered in Pike County, Ohio. The display cases were hand crafted by Farley Restorations in Waverly, Ohio. With the installation of the collection, the library hopes to start a larger conversation in the community about its ancient heritage.

Louisville Public Library (LPL) was awarded a STEM grant in the amount of \$50,000 to create an innovative model of collaboration between the Louisville Public Library and the Louisville City School District. The STEM Squad after school program for 4th – 8th graders allowed STEM to be taught in a fun/relaxed environment. Over a five-week period, 35 students participated in STEM Squad.

Mid-East Career & Technical Centers was awarded a STEM grant in the amount of \$34,670 to equip the existing Media Center with materials and equipment for the start-up of an Entrepreneur iLab for Digital and Entrepreneurial Literacy. Students from the Restaurant and Foodservice Operations program participated by making their own cookie cutters via the 3D printer; Robotics, Automation and Design students created customized key chains using the 3D CAD software; teachers teamed together to scan and print a new jaw for the CPR mannequin. Students in the Computer Networking & Electronic Technology program designed buzzer boxes that were used for the Ohio Valley Quiz Bowl. Leaf Models were made for the annual Leaf Identification Project. Based on survey results, students were more engaged with the hands-on learning by using the state-of-the-art equipment purchased with LSTA grant funds.

MidPointe Library System was awarded an Outreach & Partnership grant in the amount of \$50,000 to purchase a bookmobile to reach underserved populations in their service district, who may otherwise lack access to library materials and services. The bookmobile allows the library to better serve the 45,000+ residents within the 220 square mile service area of the MidPointe Library System.



Ohio University Libraries was awarded Data Management & Analytics grant in the amount of \$46,208 to identify and relocate unique and uncommonly held print monographs housed in the Southeast Ohio Regional Depository as a pilot project toward exploring workflows and workloads required to implement a new storage model for important print collections amongst OhioLINK institutions. The primary project outcomes of the project are two processes that can be modeled for the collection assessment, management, preservation, and responsible stewardship of uncommonly held materials in library collections. The first being the identification of uncommonly held items and the second being a process for removing and assessing large quantities of books and serials from a Harvard style storage facility. This process opened an opportunity to apply preservation methods to books that had previously gone unattended. The findings have the potential to inform other institutions and thereby make them aware of problems and opportunities.

Plain City Public Library was awarded an Outreach & Partnerships grant in the amount of \$49,999 to purchase technology and equipment in order to create enrichment opportunities and provide digital audiovisual preservation for the materials of area citizens, of all ages and abilities, in communities throughout the library's service district. Library staff were able to reach a wide array of groups and members of the community throughout the service district that may not otherwise be exposed to such technology.