LSTA 2012-2013 Full Grants
Awarded September 20, 2012
Award Period: October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013

Hamilton County Educational Service Center, $42,050, to automate ten schools in four districts across the state. Schools will use the SirsiDynix integrated library system to automate and connect to the INFOhio union catalog. This project will directly impact 6,004 students and 437 teachers. Contact: Karen Coy, 513.728.7925

Holmes County District Public Library, $38,853, to provide increased services to rural populations, particularly the Amish. The library plans to place book drops around the county, allowing individuals to return materials between bookmobile stops without traveling the distance to one of the library's two remaining branches. A cargo van will be used to collect materials. Contact: William Martino, 330.674.5972

Mount Sterling Public Library, $112,485, to purchase a mobile library to enhance library service to underserved portions of the library service district. The library service district covers 248 square miles of rural farming area. The new mobile library will make 40 visits per month at the school campus, Head Start, senior center, Community Center and other locations. Contact: Rebecca Rector, 740.869.2430

Oakstone Academy, $92,118, for the purchase of iPads and apps for use with children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and related disabilities. A pilot program indicated that ASD students using an iPad and interactive texts had a higher understanding and comprehension than those using traditional texts. This project will expand the use of iPads at the Academy. Additionally, the iPads will be used to support students in the community job placement program. Contact: Amy Price, 614.865.0400

Ohio Historical Society, $53,825, to microfilm and digitize the *Ohio State Journal.* This was the primary paper for Ohio throughout much of the 19th and early 20th century and is widely used by scholars, students, and genealogists. Following digitization, records will be loaded into Ohio Memory. Additionally, OHS staff will conduct training to assist other libraries interested in undertaking local newspaper digitization projects. Contact: Jason Crabill, 614.297.2254

University of Cincinnati Libraries, $60,669, to digitize historically significant photographs and negatives from 1920 – 1956. These images, approximately 8,100, from the archives of the City Engineer, City of Cincinnati, provide a comprehensive documentation of the development of Cincinnati as well as a general record of urban development. Contact: Kevin Grace, 513.556.1959 or Linda Newman, 513.556.4817

Adams County Public Library, $24,000 for the "Expanding Our Reach" project. The library will purchase a Mobile Library van to deliver library materials to underserved populations. Targeted populations include seniors living in senior housing or nursing homes, students attending schools with no libraries, Amish communities, and residents in remote townships. Contact: Jessica Dooley, 937.587.2085.

Andover Public Library, $24,000 to allow six independent public libraries in Ashtabula County (Andover, Rock Creek, Henderson Memorial, Harbor Topky, Conneaut, and Kingsville) to join the CLEVNET consortium. Participation in CLEVNET will allow increased resources and services for patrons. Contact: Susan Hill, 440.293.6792.

Grand Valley Public Library, $16,928 to join the SEO Library Consortium. The grant will allow both the public library and the high school library to migrate to SEO, thus providing increased resources to the patrons. Contact: Andrew Davis, 440.437.4565.

Miami University Middletown, $21,212 to develop a technology lending hub at the Gardner-Harvey Library. The Midpointe Public Library will also pilot a technology lending hub with iPad training sessions occurring at both institutions. Contact: John Burke, 513.727.3293.

Ohio Historical Society (OHS), $7,329 for the development of an app to increase access to quality resources regarding Ohio's Native American history. OHS will also develop a model for future history mobile apps. Contact: Sharon Dean, Ph.D., 614.297.2501.

Ohioana Library Association, $2,081 to digitize seven scrapbooks in the Ohioana collection and make them available through the Ohio Memory Project. Contact: Jen Johnson, 614.387.1308.

Portage County District Library, $18,922, for the provision of library service in an unserved area of the county. The library is partnering with the Deerfield Township Trustees to establish a part-time computer lab in the Township Hall. A reference librarian will be available for computer training, promote library resources and answer reference requests. Contact: Cecilia Swanson, 330.527.5082 ext. 219.

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