



## Ohio LSTA Open Grants 2019-2020

### **Bexley Public Library**

Bexley Public Library (BPL) developed the Bexley Art Library (BAL) a circulating library of original artworks, by regional artists, to further support access for all, innovation in our services, and lifelong learning. The BAL was created to offer anyone with a Bexley library card the opportunity to check out an original work of art, just like a book, and experience it in their home.

### **University of Akron – Bierce Library**

The University of Akron's Bierce Library and Cleveland State University's Michael Schwartz Library chose to invite Michael Spikes, who has researched and developed interventions in news media education, to design and offer training in service of improving news literacy educational efforts and interventions in libraries. This training was offered to library workers in all kinds of libraries: school, public, academic, and special. Michael provided the training to 19 Ohio library workers through three online modules delivered through Google Classroom, along with two synchronous sessions for attendees to discuss the course content.

### **Van Wert City Schools**

Students in the 6th grade Reading/Learning Strategies class spent time learning about the National Parks system. The Virtual Reality Kit was used to begin exploring National Parks 'in-person'; students 'visited' Yellowstone, Yosemite, and Mt. Rushmore. The VR kit allowed students to be directed to certain views and connect what they say with what they had read about. Students were then responsible for researching a National Park of their choice in hopes of becoming a "virtual park ranger" so that they could guide their peers through a visit via the VR goggles.