



Ohio LSTA Competitive Grants 2015-2016

Ashland Public Library has been awarded an Outreach & Partnership grant in the amount of \$13,245, to purchase 15 laptops as well a software and reference materials to provide outreach services, such as reference and research, to local business. Strengthening the economic capacity of the community and the role of the library as a core component of the broader community learning and service infrastructure is key to project success.

Cuyahoga County Public Library has been awarded a Literacy grant in the amount of \$7,538, to underwrite the cost of a two-day training on media and early literacy to 15 Cuyahoga County Public Library librarians, 1 State Library staff member and 12 librarians from around the state of Ohio. All those trained will commit to implement the new knowledge within their respective systems, and train other librarians across the state.

Mansfield/Richland County Public Library has been awarded a Literacy grant in the amount of \$9,281, to increase access to digital technology, through the purchase of 34 digital devices (eReaders). These devices will circulate, narrowing the digital divide among many low income patrons, as well as older adults with vision or physical impairments.

The Ohio State University Libraries have been awarded a Data Management grant in the amount of \$11,398, to purchase training courses for Tableau, a rapidly emerging data analytics and data visualization software. OSU librarians will be trained via the software, and subsequently provide training other librarians within the state of Ohio on Tableau.

Stark County District Library has been awarded a Data Management grant in the amount of \$16,500, to obtain consulting services in order to better develop their strategic planning and performance dashboard with individualized Branch business plans. These consulting services will improve the customer experience and should increase library use through data-informed branch-specific business plans.

Toledo-Lucas County Public Library has been awarded an Outreach & Partnerships grant in the amount of \$50,000, to purchase 100 iPad Air 2 tablets, and portable charging units. The iPads will be used to introduce thousands of at-risk children and their parents to the digital resources that strengthen children's pre- and early-literacy skills, as well as their interest in books and reading.

Public Library of Youngstown & Mahoning County has been awarded an Outreach & Partnerships grant in the amount of \$50,000, to purchase a book hauler that will be devoted to hauling materials for the well-received Pop-Up Library service that was initiated in 2013. Buying a dedicated vehicle to support mobile services including providing library materials for check out, card registration, and instruction on digital resources, will enable staff to increase the number and frequency of offsite visits.