Ohio LSTA Open Grants
2015-2016

Dr. Samuel L. Bossard Memorial Library
Book-A-Bike-Program: In an effort to provide patrons with a unique cultural opportunity, as well as encouraging physical activity, Bossard Library is embarking on a Book-A-Bike-Program. Library card holders (over the age of 18) in good standing will have access to bikes, in three hour increments, so they can take advantage of Gallia County's *Rails to Trails* eight-mile bike path, patrons can ride bikes around town, run errands (each bike is equipped with a basket), or visit friends throughout the community of Gallipolis.

Homer Public Library
LEGO Program: A multi-age, multi-faceted LEGO program, designed to improve and grow children's programming while keeping in mind the importance of maintaining, enhancing and fostering literacy and the general education and curiosity of the Homer youth population.

Louisville Public Library
Little Lab: Modeled after and expanding on their successful concept of a Library Lab (makerspace), also funded in part by LSTA funds, the Little Lab provides children access to and training on various types of equipment through children's programming.

Otterbein University
Read and Write Gold: Building on their reputation and dedication to educate the whole person in the context of humane values, Otterbein University's mission is to prepare graduates to think deeply and broadly, to engage locally and globally, and to advance their professions and communities. Providing Read and Write Gold literacy software for all students breaks down the digital divide that often exists for those from other countries and cultures, those that learn through non-traditional methods, and those with physical or social impairments. This software will be installed in every library on campus in order to improve the educational experience for those with learning differences and enhance independence for all users.

Twinsburg Public Library
Little Bits Build Big Dreams: Capitalizing on successful STEM programming events previously provided, TPL purchased STEM kits, Lego Robotics kits, and corresponding books, all intended to circulate to patrons, so that underserved populations could obtain hands-on experience with technology otherwise unavailable to them.

Upper Arlington Public Library
Local Music Collection: Through a rigorous vetting process, local musicians will be granted the opportunity to share their music, in downloadable format, to UAPL card holders.

Warren-Trumball County Public Library
Closing the "App Gap" for Children: Playaway Launchpads were purchased to provide a platform for new children's programming and literacy activities. Each of the Launchpads are circulatable and contain only educational apps. This project puts technology into the hands of students that otherwise do not have access to the internet or computers.

Westlake-Porter Public Library
STEM for Seniors: Partnering with area senior living facilities and the Westlake City Schools, librarians and local teens with teach senior adults STEM initiatives, an innovative learning experience generally limited to students. This project will increase technology skills for the library's senior patrons, alleviating fears of new tools, technology, or devices.

Wickliffe Public Library
STEAM Kits: This project will allow student patrons the opportunity to explore STEAM materials outside of the classroom. In response to a recent curriculum change, WPL recognizes the shift toward STEAM and will also develop after school and weekend programming involving kits such as Lego Power Functions, Book Binding, and Sewing Machine.

Worch Public Library/COOL Consortium
Floating Collection Packs: Programming packs will be purchased and circulated among the 11 COOL libraries. These packs will contain materials for library staff to host programs focusing on areas such as Science, Technology, Electronics, and Book Clubs.