

07/08 LSTA GRANTS

Fifteen school, public and academic libraries are receiving grants for innovative projects designed to improve library services and life-long learning. \$262,396 in LSTA funding was awarded on September 4, 2007.

School and Literacy-Related Projects

Title: Colorful “reads” in the library **Amt.:** \$5,000

Type: School – Wiggins High School

Summary: Wiggins High School will encourage teens to read by enlisting volunteer students to select high-interest books for the library’s collection and compose book reviews for peers. Reviews will be posted in the library. Students will also participate in events to improve comprehension, fluency and vocabulary building.

Title: Parent and Child Literacy Project **Amt.:** \$13,320

Type: Public – Arapahoe Library District

Summary: This grant provides library services to the children of adult ESL students through a literacy-based library program targeting children aged three to eleven in the Sheridan area. This grant will provide them with a place for parents to bring children and let them participate in library–appropriate activities through a literacy-based program.

Title: Principals and school librarians for increased achievement. **Amt.:** \$25,553

Type: School – CASL, DU, CliC, CSL

Summary: Hold a pre-conference at the November 2007 Colorado Library Association Conference in Denver to educate principals about partnerships between themselves and school librarians; provide information about how school librarians collaborate with classroom teachers; and participate in the standards-based planning of instructional design and assessments.

Title: Read Aloud **Amt.:** \$20,000

Type: Public – Denver Public Library

Summary: The Denver Public Library’s Read Aloud outreach program will help at-risk preschoolers enter kindergarten with pre-reading skills needed for continued learning and school success. Trained volunteers will visit more than 110 classrooms in low-income areas to read; hold “Parent Literacy Nights,” to provide personal interaction among parents, teacher, and Library staff; share methods for pre-reading skills.

Title: Senior-to-Sophomore Information Literacy Project **Amt.:** \$15,227

Type: Academic / School- Colorado State University- Pueblo

Summary: School librarians and CSU-P instructors will work directly with University faculty to pilot a series of Information Literacy modules for high school students. A collaborative effort of the CSU-Pueblo, the Senior-to-Sophomore Program English instructors and school librarians, this project will give high school students the same library instructional components as entry-level English classes on campus.

Title: Reading Buddies **Amt.:** \$12,131

Type: Public / School – Lafayette Public Library with Sanchez and Pioneer Bilingual Elementary Schools

Summary: This proposal expands a highly successful program that pairs 1st-3rd grade “Little Buddies” with volunteer 6th-12th grade “Big Buddies.” Buddies meet once a week to provide young children with additional opportunities to practice reading, model positive attitudes towards reading, and foster a spirit of civic involvement among older students. The goal is to have 75% of Little Buddy participants who are reading below grade level. The funding will be used for a Reading Buddies Coordinator and the purchase of books.

Public Library Projects

Title: Spanish Materials for the Cortez Public Library **Amt.:** \$20,000

Type: Public – Cortez Public Library

Summary: Cortez Public Library will select books and other media in partnership with a local adult education program with an active ESL program, to fill the needs of the Spanish speaking community. The library will promote these additions to the library's collection directly to their target audience.

Title: Equal Access for Senior Adults & Patrons with Low Vision **Amt.:** \$ 4,900

Type: Public – Wellington Public Library

Summary: The library will target services to the senior adult population and those with visual impairments by purchasing adaptive technology and large print books to enhance the library's existing collection.

Title: Paving the Way for Customers with Special Needs **Amt.:** \$20,000

Type: Public– Pueblo-City County Library District

Summary: Make PCCLD's collections, meeting rooms, programs, and Internet workstations more available to customers by reducing barriers to people with vision, hearing, and learning or mobility challenges. Website and online catalog will be ADA compliant, and assistive technology workstations will be added to the library.

Title: Reaching New Populations for Library Service in Montrose **Amt.:** \$17,850

Type: Public – Montrose Regional Library District

Summary: The library district will improve services for the County's growing senior citizen population by hiring the District's first adult outreach coordinator, purchasing a book van, and installing adaptive and family computer stations. The book van will deliver materials to homebound patrons, senior centers, nursing homes, and related populations.

Title: Delta County Library District Diversity Project **Amt.:** \$12,318

Type: Public- Delta County Library District

Summary: This project will improve service to Spanish speakers by making the libraries more culturally friendly and staff more culturally competent; improve Spanish language collections; increase accessibility to public computers in Spanish; offer outreach through Spanish story times held at partner organization sites.

Title: One Telluride – Integrating Immigrants into Our Community **Amt.:** \$8,247

Type: Public-Wilkinson Public Library

Summary: The library will increase the amount of materials available in other languages; add current issues of popular magazines in four languages to their collection; provide an online subscription to daily newspapers in five languages; buy self-paced software in five languages that non-native English speakers can use to enhance English skills.

Title: Virtual Library Services for Rural Communities **Amt.:** \$20,000

Type: Public – Weld County

Summary: Project will purchase a 3M e-Branch Library to be placed in a de-commissioned bookmobile located at a Galeton elementary school approximately 7 miles east of the Eaton Public Library. This will bring virtual library services to the community 40 hours a week between the bi-monthly visits of the bookmobile.

Other

Title: The mobile learning center and laptop loan program **Amt:** \$17,775

Type: Academic – Adams State College-Nielsen Library

Summary: The Nielsen Library program will improve access to technology in the San Luis Valley and help underserved student population use resources at Adams State College. Training sessions will be offered at public schools, community centers, retirement centers, and nursing facilities. The Mobile Center will be used to train current and potential business leaders on the basics of web design and market research. When not being used for training sessions, equipment will be in the library's Laptop Loan Program.

Title: Services for Special Populations

Amt.: \$50,075

Type: Statewide– Special Populations Committee

Summary: This project will provide librarians with ideas on better using the resources available on the diversity website to best serve special populations. Implementation will occur through statewide training sessions and culminate in a Diversity Summit during the summer of 2008.