

**Community Libraries in Caring Grant Program
Funded Projects
FY2006-2007**

Organization: Flagler County Public Library

Project Name: Leaps and Bounds

Funding Amount: \$10,000

Population to Be Served: 15,000

Area Served: Flagler County

Summary: This project will allow the Flagler County Public Library to meet the needs of residents with disabilities. Grant funds will purchase materials, equipment, and technology, and will provide staff training. Library materials in various formats will be purchased, including large print and audio, along with the equipment to view these or other materials. Adaptable technology in the form of an "all access" workstation will be purchased. Library staff will receive training in the technical aspects of the assistive equipment/software purchased. The project will be publicized in the form of library programs, outreach efforts, presentations, and newsletters.

Organization: Gadsden County Public Library System

Project Name: Gadsden Library Computer Instruction Project

Funding Amount: \$8,950

Population to Be Served: 500

Area Served: Gadsden County

Summary: The Gadsden County Library will continue to conduct free computer classes at the main library and branches. Funds will be used to continue a contract with a computer trainer, purchase training equipment, and purchase new computer instructional materials. Classes range from basic computer skills to more advanced software and word processing applications, including the use of e-mail, Microsoft Word and Excel, and Internet searches.

Organization: Heartland Library Cooperative

Project Name: ESOL Computer Aided Learning - DeSoto County Library

Funding Amount: \$8,950

Population to Be Served: 56

Area Served: DeSoto County

Summary: The DeSoto County Library will strengthen library services and improve literacy for Spanish-speaking residents and children of migrant workers in partnership with the Catholic Charities of DeSoto County. Grant funds will be used to purchase five laptop computers and a printer for use by children attending the After School Homework program operated by Catholic Charities. Funds will also provide installation and wireless Internet access to provide users access to the library's online resources for homework assignments, and to improve computer and functional literacy.

Organization: Heartland Library Cooperative
Project Name: Reading with Pride and Power - Hardee County Public Library
Funding Amount: \$10,000
Population to Be Served: 5,431
Area Served: Hardee County

Summary: The project will allow the Hardee County Library to strengthen its collection of children's books, strengthen its services to children, and improve literacy among school children. Funds will be used to provide an expanded collection of books and other materials to encourage a love of reading among school children in partnership with the public school system. The collection will be augmented by a dedicated computer and software to stimulate interest in reading, and eye-catching book tote bags to promote the library in the community.

Organization: Heartland Library Cooperative
Project Name: Gaming at the Library - Highlands County Library System
Funding Amount: \$8,950
Population to Be Served: 6,400
Area Served: Highlands County

Summary: This project will allow the Highlands County Library System to initiate services to the young adult population in the county. The library will host a series of teen gaming nights and establish a circulating video game collection. Programs will be held at each of the three library facilities in the county. Funds will be used to purchase console video games, gaming systems, multiplayer games, and projection screens.

Organization: Hendry County Library Cooperative
Project Name: Books and Family Literacy: The Heart of Learning II
Funding Amount: \$10,000
Population to Be Served: 5,000
Area Served: Hendry County

Summary: This project will expand Hendry County Library's Books and Family Literacy program by enabling all school-age students to improve their reading skills. The project will purchase additional Accelerated Reader and other books that support the middle and high school curriculum. Sunshine State young reader books, board books, bilingual books, and other materials will be purchased to support young readers and family literacy needs. Displays, booklists, programs, and other family literacy promotions will be developed, including the hosting of open house events to promote the new resources.

Organization: Levy County Public Library System
Project Name: CLIC Medical Collection Grant
Funding Amount: \$10,000
Population to Be Served: 13,780
Area Served: Levy County

Summary: The Levy County Public Library System will purchase an updated collection of consumer medical books, magazines, and videos for each of the library branches. In addition, bilingual children's books with a medical theme will be provided to families at the Levy County Health Department. The Health Department will be able to promote the library, reading, and literacy to families in need of assistance.

Organization: New River Public Library Cooperative
Project Name: Adding Online Content
Funding Amount: \$30,000
Population to Be Served: 66,314
Area Served: Baker, Bradford, and Union Counties

Summary: The New River Public Library Cooperative will improve services and content offered through its Web pages by continuing and improving Web page redesigns. The redesigns have resulted in an approximately threefold increase in online users. Grant funds will be used for additional updates to Web pages and subscriptions to two online databases: one (Price It) for pricing antiques and collectibles, and the other (Learning Express) for online practice tests and test tutoring. Additional print materials will also be purchased to support the online databases.

Organization: Palm Beach County Library System
Project Name: Promoting Family Literacy to Spanish Speakers - Belle Glade Branch
Funding Amount: \$6,046
Population to Be Served: 200
Area Served: Belle Glade Community

Summary: This project will allow the Palm Beach County Library System to expand literacy services in the Belle Glade area. Three sets of the teaching series *English Without Barriers* will be purchased. One set will remain at the library and the other two will be used in established deposit collections in the community. This series helps Spanish speakers learn to speak, read, and write English at their own pace, and consists of a workbook, CDs, and three English/Spanish - Spanish/English dictionaries. It will be used with a literacy tutor or as a self tutorial when the student has reached a proficient level. In addition, English/Spanish - Spanish/English dictionaries will be purchased, along with portable audio cassette/CD players to enable users to utilize the learning resources.

Organization: Palm Beach County Library System
Project Name: Promoting Family Literacy to Spanish Speakers - Pahokee Branch
Funding Amount: \$2,282
Population to Be Served: 175
Area Served: Pahokee Community
Summary: This project will allow the Palm Beach County Library System to expand literacy services in the Pahokee area. The teaching series *English Without Barriers* will be purchased. This series helps Spanish speakers learn to speak, read, and write English at their own pace, and consists of a workbook, CDs, and three English/Spanish - Spanish/English dictionaries. It will be used with a literacy tutor or as a self tutorial when the student has reached a proficient level. In addition, English/Spanish - Spanish/English dictionaries will be purchased, along with portable audio cassette/CD players to enable users to utilize the learning resources.

Organization: Palm Beach County Library System
Project Name: Promoting Family Literacy to Spanish Speakers - South Bay Branch
Funding Amount: \$2,282
Population to Be Served: 150
Area Served: South Bay Community
Summary: This project will allow the Palm Beach County Library System to expand literacy services in the South Bay area. The teaching series *English Without Barriers* will be purchased. This series helps Spanish speakers learn to speak, read, and write English at their own pace, and consists of a workbook, CDs, and three English/Spanish - Spanish/English dictionaries. It will be used with a literacy tutor or as a self tutorial when the student has reached a proficient level. In addition, English/Spanish - Spanish/English dictionaries will be purchased, along with portable audio cassette/CD players to enable users to utilize the learning resources.

Organization: Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System
Project Name: Library to Go
Funding Amount: \$35,800
Population to Be Served: 26,424
Area Served: Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson, and Washington Counties
Summary: The Panhandle Public Library Cooperative will purchase at least 28 laptop computers to meet computer skills training needs in each of the four member libraries. The laptops will be used to establish regularly scheduled computer skills training classes in the main libraries in Holmes and Washington counties. In Calhoun County, they will be used to offer additional classes at libraries. In Jackson County, the computers will allow the library to offer classes at various outreach sites. Some member libraries will also allow the computers to be checked out by patrons for in-library use.

Organization: Putnam County Library System
Project Name: Coaching for Success - Children's and Teen Services
Funding Amount: \$8,940
Population to Be Served: 8
Area Served: Putnam County

Summary: The Putnam County Library System has a need for programs that focus on childhood and early family literacy, and by extension, encourage teens to read and be involved in activities that emphasize the development of life, cognitive, and social skills. To meet this need, a consultant will be hired to present an introductory workshop for library staff on developing and delivering services to teens and children; facilitate follow-up group coaching sessions to ensure success; conduct a meeting with stakeholders to gather information for the long-range plan for services to families and teens; facilitate the discussion and development of the long-range plan; and create a core list of materials to be acquired for a rotating collection of materials for teens.

Organization: Sumter County Library System
Project Name: Study Zone Homework Centers
Funding Amount: \$8,950
Population to Be Served: 5,289
Area Served: Sumter County

Summary: The Sumter County Library System will provide middle school students and their families with resources needed to support and enhance the formal learning experience. The project will develop a core collection of multimedia and print materials for homework assistance appropriate for middle school students; establish a designated homework center known as the "Study Zone" in each of the seven participating community libraries; and actively promote the Study Zone to students and their families.

Organization: Three Rivers Regional Library System
Project Name: Spanish Collection Development Grant
Funding Amount: \$8,850
Population to Be Served: 500
Area Served: Dixie, Gilchrist, and Lafayette Counties

Summary: The Three Rivers Regional Library System will improve and strengthen the Spanish language collections at each of the three member libraries, and will enhance the various literacy programs undertaken by the Literacy Coordinator. Books, videos, and DVDs covering topics such as citizenship, ESL study, health and legal self-help, parenting, GED study material, and Spanish-language fiction will be purchased. Bilingual books will be purchased for elementary-age children.

Organization: Wilderness Coast Public Libraries
Project Name: A Season of the Arts @ Your Library - Franklin County Public Library
Funding Amount: \$7,500
Population to Be Served: 235
Area Served: Franklin County

Summary: The Franklin County Public Library, a member of the Wilderness Coast Public Libraries, will provide classical and cultural programming, as well as workshops. Programs will include a musical theatre production, and a dance workshop and performance, in addition to continuing previous musical performances and programs.

Organization: Wilderness Coast Public Libraries
Project Name: Travel Florida with Your Bookmobile
Funding Amount: \$22,500
Population to Be Served: 2,000
Area Served: Franklin, Jefferson, and Wakulla Counties

Summary: This project will allow the Wilderness Coast Public Libraries to provide an additional 2.2 days of bookmobile service on a two- or three-week rotation. The additional days will complement the existing level of bookmobile service to Jefferson, Wakulla, and Franklin counties. Funds will be used for staff salaries, fuel, and additional materials for the bookmobile.