Library Services and Technology Act FY2008 Funded Projects

Library and Multitype Library Cooperative Projects

Organization:	Broward County Division of Libraries
Category:	Access for Persons Having Difficulty Using Libraries
Project Name:	Afterschool @ Your Library - Technology
Amount:	$316,824
Population to Be Served:	450
Area Served:	Broward County
Summary:	The Broward County Library's after school program Afterschool@yourlibrary provides a safe, positive environment for underserved area youth that enhances academic achievement, the development of social skills and increases use of and access to computer technology. In its fifth year, the free program is open to 450 six to twelve year olds, after school, four days per week at fifteen library locations. This project will provide laptop computers and software at twelve sites that currently offer only limited computer access for these children. This access to technology is critical to giving these youth adequate opportunities to develop the computer skills critical to academic success.

Organization:	Gadsden County Public Library System
Category:	Access for Persons Having Difficulty Using Libraries
Project Name:	Books on Wheels
Amount:	$200,000
Population to Be Served:	4,310
Area Served:	Gadsden County
Summary:	Gadsden County Public Library's Books on Wheels project will replace the current 1991 twenty-five foot long bookmobile with a thirty foot long bookmobile, and add three public access computers with web access. The online circulation system will be available on the new bookmobile and the new bookmobile will be wheelchair accessible. The bookmobile will improve access to library services to residents in this rural are of North Florida.

Organization:	Jacksonville Public Library
Category:	Access for Persons Having Difficulty Using Libraries
Project Name:	Volunteers As Special Educators (VASE)
Amount:	$64,672
Population to Be Served:	650
Area Served:	Jacksonville, Duval County
Summary:	These LSTA funds will allow the Jacksonville Public Library to sustain and expand vital adult literacy services for a third year by supporting and training volunteer tutors to work with English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and special needs learners. The development, use and dissemination of the Fast Track Reading System (loosely based upon the Wilson Reading System) for lower-level readers remains a product of this initiative. This project will also develop a training module (including recorded demonstrations of classroom instruction) and mass-produce instructional materials for state-wide dissemination of the Fast Track Reading System) Two partners (Learn to Read, Inc. of Jacksonville and Learn to Read of St. Johns County, Inc.) will assist the Jacksonville Public Library in continuing and expanding this curriculum.

Organization:	Marion County Public Library System
Category:	Access for Persons Having Difficulty Using Libraries
Project Name:	Keys to Access: Windows to the World
Amount:	$91,871
Population to Be Served:	2,180
Area Served:	Marion County
Summary:	The Marion County Public Library System's project, Keys to Access: Window on the World, will provide training and assistive technology to assist persons with disabilities and developmental challenges to use library services. The library will work with the local workforce board to help jobseekers with disabilities by providing assistive technology and by educating employers on the value of hiring people with disabilities. Sensitivity training will provide a greater understanding by others of the challenges encountered by this targeted group.

Using a coordinated approach to equal access, this project will ensure the availability of assistive technology at all library branches and will update, upgrade and augment assistive technology that was installed at five of the larger library branches through a 2001 LSTA grant. It will also provide adaptive toys for children with special needs at two additional branch libraries, expanding a component of the Born to Read program begun with LSTA grant funding in 2006. Training in the use of these toys will also be provided for children, families, staff and community partners. The partners for this program will include the North Central Florida Center for Independent Living, Inter-County Council of the Blind, Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resource Systems (FDLRS), Marion County Literacy Council, CLM Workforce Connection, and the Marion County Children's Alliance' Children with Autism & Other Disabilities Work Group. These partners will provide referral and promotional assistance as well as support services to the target population. Through this program, the library will also offer training to library staff, local employers, patrons and community organizations to increase awareness of challenges and resources available to people with disabilities.

Organization:	New River Public Library Cooperative
Category:	Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name:	Mobile Computer Training Lab
Amount:	$11,863
Population to Be Served:	14,842
Area Served:	Baker, Bradford, Union Counties
Summary:	The New River Public Library Cooperative will buy computer equipment to enhance the mobile computer training lab. This will increase the ability of the Cooperative to provide hands on computer training to adults who are unable to use computers, and to teach middle and high school students about safe Internet usage. The training will be provided by a part time teacher hired to supervise the project, and in partnership with the Union County Public Library, the local school system and the sheriff's office.

Organization:	Orange County Library System
Category:	Access for Persons Having Difficulty Using Libraries
Project Name:	SuperStarz: Skill Building for Underserved Children
Amount:	$107,704
Population to Be Served:	40,646
Area Served:	Orange County
Summary:	The Orange County Library System will offer tutoring and FCAT assistance through the use of technology to low-income, at risk students in grades 3-5 in areas of Orange County accessible to this target group. The library will partner with the City of Orlando's Department of Families, Parks and Recreation and seven of its after school programs: Northwest Community Center, Ivey Lane Community Center, Callahan Neighborhood Center, Jackson Community Center, Rock Lake Community Center, Rosemont Community Center, and Engelwood Neighborhood Center. Library Staff will purchase 18 laptops to supplement 12 laptops in the Library already owns to create three mobile labs (two labs of 12 and one lab of 6). Librarians and Technology and Customer Support Specialists (TCCS's) will bring these laptops to the after school programs. Seven times per week, Librarians will assist children in accessing tutoring software and preparing for the FCAT, while TCSS's will help with the equipment and software use. The partnering organizations will provide the facilities and furniture, as well as help with reaching target audiences and evaluating the effectiveness of the program. Library staff will also create online classes for children in grades 3-5 that will be placed on the library's website.

Organization:	Pasco County Public Library Cooperative
Category:	Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name:	Pasco County E-government Initiative
Amount:	$43,418
Population to Be Served:	450,171
Area Served:	Pasco County
Summary:	The Pasco County E-government Initiative will expand the E-government services provided to residents through community outreach efforts, and maintain the equipment obtained through the first year's LSTA grant. The project will promote outreach visits and establish a portable work station for the E-government Program Manager who will develop multimedia E-government tutorials.

Organization:	Saint Johns County Public Library
Category:	Access for Persons Having Difficulty Using Libraries
Project Name:	The Library Express Outreach (LEO) Project
Amount:	$60,000
Population to Be Served:	8,500
Area Served:	Saint Johns County
Summary:	The Library Express Outreach (LEO) project of the St. Johns County Public Library System will develop and expand outreach services to people of all ages in targeted rural, inner city and un-served/underserved population areas of north St. Johns County. Utilizing a bookmobile, books-by-mail, a core group of trained volunteers and the establishment of several deposit collections serving 7 afterschool centers, 3 licensed day care centers, 5 recreation and parks centers, 2 year round community centers, 1 high school serving new and expecting teen moms, 1 Adult and Family Literacy Center and 27 senior serving facilities, the Library hopes to make a difference in the lives of people of all ages who, due to barriers such as: age, distance, immobility, safety, lack of transportation, poverty, lack of supervision of limited education do not have access to a library.

Organization:	University of Central Florida Libraries
Category:	Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name:	Picturing the Past: Photographs and Postcards of Central Florida
Amount:	$52,002
Population to Be Served:	3,500,000
Area Served:	Statewide

Summary: The Central Florida Memory digital collection is a cooperative project begun in 2002 that has grown to include five partners: University of Central Florida Libraries, Orange County Regional History Center, Orange County Library System, Olin Library and Rollins College, and Museum of Seminole County History. The intent of the project is to provide an online platform and focal point for gathering, preserving and disseminating the documents, artifacts and stories f the history of Central Florida. The purpose of this project is to add two new participants, Stetson University and Bethune-Cookman University in order to expand coverage to include Volusia County as well as the African American community of early Central Florida., This grant will make possible the addition of up to 30,000 images of photographs and visual ephemera that enhance the visual story of Central Florida by giving institutions the opportunity to have materials described and digitized by project staff and providing a digital home to those archives unable to establish their own digital infrastructure

Organization:	Wilderness Coast Public Libraries
Category:	Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name:	Training for the 21st Century
Amount:	$46,305
Population to Be Served:	800
Area Served:	Franklin, Jefferson, Wakulla Counties

Summary: The Wilderness Coast Public Libraries (WILD) will answer the needs of patrons living in rural areas by developing and enhancing training facilities for in-person and online training. This project will encompass four interrelated phases: (1) equalizing training facility capabilities at 3 sites, (2) bringing the equipment up to software specifications, (3) hiring a training consultant to provide training for patrons, and (4) updating collections of technology books. Sustainability will include creating a digital archive of classes for use by library patrons on demand.

Organization:	Central Florida Library Cooperative
Category:	Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name:	Training and Web - Based Resource Development
Amount:	$90,000
Population to Be Served:	3,398,613
Area Served:	Brevard, Indian River, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, St. Lucie and Volusia Counties
Summary:	This project will allow the Central Florida Library Cooperative (CFLC) to continue a project to provide technology training to the staff of member libraries and to assist in service to the public. CFLC will offer a multifacited training program designed to help library staff assist end users with technology and information access. Training will be tailored to each member library's area of need.

Organization:	Northeast Florida Library Information Network
Category:	Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name:	Impacting Northeast Florida Through Innovative Programming
Amount:	$56,000
Population to Be Served:	1,186,531
Area Served:	Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Marion, Nassau, Putnam, Saint Johns, Sumter, Suwannee and Union Counties
Summary:	The Northeast Florida Library Information Network's (NEFLIN) project, Impacting Northeast Florida through Innovative Programming, will provide E-government training and support to REDI community libraries by creating on-line courses and conducting workshops for library staff to enhance their ability to help patrons. It will expand the established equipment loan program by purchasing additional equipment to loan to member libraries as needed. NEFLIN will create short online training and instruction programs for library users, and will enhance library staff knowledge of innovative and emerging technologies through a regional technology conference.

Organization:	Northeast Florida Library Information Network
Category:	Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name:	Impacting Northeast Florida Through Training
Amount:	$146,000
Population to Be Served:	1,186,531
Area Served:	Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Marion, Nassau, Putnam, Saint Johns, Sumter, Suwannee and Union Counties
Summary:	The Northeast Florida Library Information Network (NEFLIN) project, Impacting Northeast Florida through Training, will provide training and support on the use of the Florida Electronic Library to library staff and patrons, it will make computer help sheets readily available to library users, and it will provide training for library staff to improve service to their community. These projects will improve the services and programs available to library users.

Organization:	Panhandle Library Access Network
Category:	Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name:	PLAN - Connecting People and Information Through Cooperation
Amount:	$168,674
Population to Be Served:	653,673
Area Served:	Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Taylor, Wakulla, Walton and Washington Counties
Summary:	The public can only learn to use technology, and consequently use technology to gain information, if certain necessary conditions exist; prerequisites are in place, i.e. the hardware, the networks, the connectivity, the software, the content, and the trained staff. The Panhandle Library Access Network (PLAN) will support the information infrastructure of the 183 libraries in the Panhandle region of Florida by providing technical assessments of individual libraries and networked systems. This project, through the training and consultation with library staff, will allow the staff to facilitate, support and assist their library's patrons in meeting the patrons' information needs via technology.

Organization:	Southeast Florida Library Information Network
Category:	Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name:	Supporting Public Access to Innovative and Responsive Library Services for Southeast Floridians
Amount	$110,000
Population to Be Served:	2,964,423
Area Served:	Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties
Summary:	The Supporting Public Access to Innovative and Responsive Library Services for Southeast Floridians project will make library information resources more accessible to the 2,964,423 registered borrowers and enrolled students in participating libraries. Project activities are (1) Libraries and Library Services Supporting Family Literacy – Production and dissemination of six (6) streaming media presentations that feature libraries and library services that support family literacy in multilingual communities; (2) Technology Training for Library Staff to Support Public Use of Technology – Technology training will be conducted for library staff in areas of new technologies and Web 2.0, online meetings and webinars, and technology based information resources; and (3) New Technologies Conference – A one-day conference will feature speakers and presentations on innovative technologies. These activities will improve library services to the public.

Organization:	Southwest Florida Library Network
Category:	Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name:	Outstanding Library Service for Southwest Florida Patrons
Amount:	$92,901
Population to Be Served:	31,580
Area Served:	Charlotte, Collier, De Soto, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Monroe Counties
Summary:	The Southwest Florida Library Network (SWFLN) will provide training to library staff so they can better help the public use technology to access information. The grant will fund a variety of training opportunities to meet the needs of local libraries of all types. It will enable staff to effectively train the public on how to access and use electronic information resources. This project will provide training in both traditional classroom and Web-based training. It will also digitize materials of historical significance to provide information to patrons at any location and at any time to facilitate research, homework information, personal or family history, and genealogy. The digitized images will be made available on the PALMM website and via the Florida Electronic Library.

Organization:	Tampa Bay Library Consortium
Category:	Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name:	Multiregional Interlibrary Loan
Amount:	$159,000
Population to Be Served:	11,148,481
Area Served:	Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Okeechobee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and Sarasota Counties
Summary:	The Tampa Bay Library Consortium's Multiregional Interlibrary Loan project is a collaborative effort of libraries in three regions of the state – west central, southwest and southeast, to build a multi-regional interlibrary loan system that enables library users to search the catalogs of all participating libraries in one search and request the item that they need and have it delivered to the library location most convenient to them.

This loan project is composed of two segments. They are:

1) Expansion of iBorrow to 10 libraries remaining on the Alleycat platform and 5 additional interested libraries and

2) Exploration of expanding iBorrow into the SEFLIN region serving Southeast Florida.

Organization:	Tampa Bay Library Consortium
Category:	Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name:	Training Libraries to Serve the Public
Amount:	$120,000
Population to Be Served:	4,309,502
Area Served:	Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Okeechobee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and Sarasota Counties
Summary:	The Tampa Bay Library Consortium's project, Training Libraries to Serve the Public, is a comprehensive program of continuing education that provides library staff members with training in technology related topics. The purpose of the continuing education program is to enable librarians to better serve the public and meet their information needs. Presenting a centralized training program for many librarians also saves time and money. These topics will be based on a needs assessment. It also will provide for staff to attend national and state conferences, and to host two local "mini-conferences."

Division of Library and Information Services Statewide Projects

Organization:	Division of Library and Information Services
Category:	Statewide - Core Division Projects
Project Name:	Expanding Library Services for Access to Information
Amount:	$543,145
Population to Be Served:	4,500,000
Area Served:	Statewide
Summary:	Consulting is a core service of the Office of Community Development. Consultants combine skills as technical experts, process facilitators, and program managers. The purpose of this consulting is to empower local libraries to solve their own problems and improve their own services to the public; to provide knowledge and expertise that is not available locally; to support interlibrary cooperation and resource sharing among all types of local libraries; and to build trusting relationships and strong lines of communication between local libraries and the Division. This project will also allow for planning and implementation of specific programs and projects such as supporting public library involvement in e-government activities, continued development and implementation of the Agency's new strategic long-range plan, providing teleconferences for library staff to enable them to improve services to the public, and to assist with the transition of the Glades County Public Library from the Charlotte-Glades Public Library System to a member of the Heartland Library Cooperative.

Organization:	Division of Library and Information Services
Category:	Statewide - Core Division Projects
Project Name:	LSTA Administration
Amount:	$180,363
Population to Be Served:	2,000
Area Served:	Statewide
Summary:	This project provides for the administration of the LSTA grant program. Components include activities associated with application submission and review, maintenance of official program files, coordination of contracts and grant payments, monitoring and evaluation, compilation and submission of reports and programs to the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and technical assistance to potential applicants and grant recipients. This project will also implement phase 2 of the Grants Management Database system which will bring together grant related application and administrative functions.

Organization:	Division of Library and Information Services
Category:	Statewide - Core Division Projects
Project Name:	Planning, Evaluation, and Statistics Unit
Amount:	$273,418
Population to Be Served:	1,897
Area Served:	Statewide
Summary:	The Planning, Evaluation, and Statistics Unit of the State Library and Archives of Florida provides assistance to public libraries, which enables these libraries to provide improved services to their patrons. The Unit works with the public libraries to demonstrate the value, effectiveness, and efficiency of libraries in Florida. In 2008-2009, the Unit will continue to collect, publish and analyze public library data; conduct evaluation activities that will enable grant recipients to evaluate their project; and expand and maintain the Florida Library Information Database. Additionally, the Unit will coordinate and facilitate long-range planning activities for public libraries across the state.

Organization:	Division of Library and Information Services
Category:	Statewide - Core Division Projects
Project Name:	Statewide Resource Sharing and Collection Development
Amount:	$961,666
Population to Be Served:	18,089,889
Area Served:	Statewide
Summary:	The State Library and Archives of Florida strives to meet a variety of information needs statewide. The library provides information services for State of Florida officials and agency employees; supplements the services and collections of libraries throughout Florida through interlibrary loan, resource sharing, reference services, and cataloging of State of Florida documents; and develops its collections to ensure that Floridians have access to information about Florida's past, present and future. Resource sharing through interlibrary loan is essential to Florida libraries. Resource sharing allows libraries statewide to have timely access to accurate and relevant information. The State Library of Florida is the library of the first resort for interlibrary loan requests from Florida libraries that do not use OCLC, and the library of last resort for interlibrary loan requests from Florida libraries that use OCLC for interlibrary loan. The State Library receives interlibrary loan request electronically through OCLC, by fax, email, phone and mail. The State Library contracts with OCLC, Sirs/Dynix and Re:Discovery for systems support needed for interlibrary loan and resource sharing activities. Activities performed by State Library staff for interlibrary loan and resource sharing include collecting appropriate materials for its special and circulating collections, processing interlibrary loan requests, adding material to the State Library online catalog, verifying correct State Library holdings information is listed in statewide databases, and ensuring that online services are available to on-site and remote users at all times.

Organization:	Division of Library and Information Services
Category:	Statewide - Division Projects Expanding Public Access
Project Name:	Florida Memory Project
Amount:	$283,471
Population to Be Served:	18,089,899
Area Served:	Statewide
Summary:	The Florida Memory Project enhances access to the State Library and Archives for researchers, teachers, students, and government employees by providing digitized sources of irreplaceable historical resources through Internet workstations in libraries, schools, homes, and businesses. The purpose of the Florida Memory Project is to provide enhanced public access to the collections of the State Archives of Florida. It provides a web-based structure for primary records that illustrates significant moments in the state's history, provides educational resources for students of all ages, and makes available collections for historical research.

Organization:	Division of Library and Information Services
Category:	Statewide - Projects Benefiting Florida Libraries
Project Name:	Florida Electronic Library
Amount:	$3,700,351
Population to Be Served:	18,089,889
Area Served:	Statewide
Summary:	The Florida Electronic Library is a wide range of electronic information resources, digital content and online information services organized in a coherent and cohesive manner that can be searched by Florida residents through the World Wide Web. Users will be able to retrieve information from all libraries statewide through a single search. The Florida Electronic Library complements the print resources in Florida library collections and will serve as a gateway to all of Florida's print resources. The Florida Electronic Library also supports the statewide "Ask A Librarian" virtual reference service, and DLLI, the statewide inter-library loan delivery service.

Organization:	Division of Library and Information Services
Category:	Statewide - Projects Benefiting Florida Libraries
Project Name:	Recruitment and Leadership Development
Amount:	$356,571
Population to Be Served:	20,000
Area Served:	Statewide
Summary:	Recruitment and leadership professional development is an essential ongoing goal for the future of library services in Florida. This project plan enables the State Library and Archives to respond to recruitment, succession planning, and leadership development needs for individuals in all types of libraries (public, academic, and special) and at all levels working in Florida's public libraries (emergent leaders, middle managers, directors, new directors and paraprofessionals) by providing strategies for identifying those recruitment/ leadership needs; programs to identify leadership/ recruitment candidates; and methods to train and develop future leaders / new staff employees as set out in the Florida Library Leadership Plan: Developing a Statewide Approach 2004-2009. The State Library and Archives will continue the Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute and The Florida Library Jobs recruitment online site, the annual Florida Library Directors' meeting for all Florida public library directors and the New Public Library Directors' Orientation for the new directors/assistant directors in the state.

Organization:	Division of Library and Information Services
Category:	Statewide - Projects Benefiting Public Libraries
Project Name:	Florida Library Youth Program 2009
Amount:	$229,601
Population to Be Served:	700
Area Served:	Statewide
Summary:	The statewide Florida Library Youth Program encourages children and their families to use their local public library for both educational and recreational purposes. The goal is to encourage all children, especially those who are economically deprived, to become lifelong readers and library users. The Florida Library Youth Program provides to youth services staff a program manual and supporting materials, regional staff development and training workshops, and travel reimbursement for youth services staff to attend conferences and/or to deliver special programs.