

Library Services and Technology Act

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Library Projects

Organization: Broward County Division of Libraries

Category: Access for Persons Having Difficulty Using Libraries

Project Name: CareerConnect - Education & Job Center

Amount: \$250,000

Population to Be Served: 500

Area Served: Broward County

Summary: The Broward County Division of Libraries will provide education and workforce development through the “CareerConnect - Education & Job Center” project. The project will provide access to technology and educational programming critical for giving Broward County residents opportunities to develop the skills for academic and economic success. The Center will be a one-stop shop for education and workforce development needs at eight Broward County Library locations. CareerConnect will provide books and resource materials on all aspects of searching for a job, free workshops, interactive online resources, computers with resume writing and employability skills software and personalized assistance from program staff. In addition, the program will offer homework assistance, English language programs, and computer skills training for youth and adults.

Organization: Gadsden County Public Library System
Category: Access for Persons Having Difficulty Using Libraries
Project Name: Engaging Tweens, Teens and Their Community Through Science Exploration
Amount: \$47,256
Population to Be Served: 1,685
Area Served: Gadsden County
Summary: The Gadsden County Public Library System’s project “Engaging Tweens, Teens and Their Community Through Science Exploration” is focused on reaching tweens and teens. It encourages these groups to use library resources through science exploration. The library will use new technology, books and DVDs, science kits, guest speakers who promote science literacy and volunteers in order to provide ongoing science-themed programs in schools, outreach locations and libraries.

Organization: Jacksonville Public Library
Category: Access for Persons Having Difficulty Using Libraries
Project Name: Expanding Horizons Adult Literacy Project
Amount: \$78,512
Population to Be Served: 900
Area Served: Duval County
Summary: The Jacksonville Public Library will continue the “Expanding Horizons Adult Literacy Project” a third year. The purpose of this project is to increase the Jacksonville Public Library's capacity to serve an increasing number of adults with limited reading and/or English skills through four program components:

- Distance Learning - Providing lower-level readers access to quality web-based literacy instruction and increasing learning opportunities without proportionally increasing teaching staff or operating hours.
- Technology - Connecting learners to existing technology so they are able to independently and successfully access educational and employment resources; using technology to communicate with non English-speaking learners.
- Outreach - Serving learners who have limited or no access to library resources.
- Volunteer Recruitment and Training - Serving greater numbers of library learners through the recruitment, training, and support of volunteer tutors; enhancing local educational opportunities by providing training and technical assistance to individuals and agencies interested in delivering literacy instruction.

Organization: Marion County Public Library System

Category: Access for Persons Having Difficulty Using Libraries

Project Name: Ready to Read: Zero to Three

Amount: \$41,449

Population to Be Served: 20,886

Area Served: Marion County

Summary: The Marion County Public Library System began implementing the “Ready to Read: Zero to Three” program in 2010. Building upon current and new collaborative partnerships with community agencies and organizations, the goal for 2011-2012 is to provide multiple points of contact between the public library and at-risk parents/caregivers of children from birth to three years of age. Program elements and methods include:

- Provide early literacy development information and materials at locations where at-risk parents/caregivers reside or already attend programs. (Early Head Start, teen mother residential facility and Marion County Health Department Healthy Start.)
- Establish relationships with parents/caregivers that support their early literacy development efforts by providing access to opportunities and materials for children in this age group; help parents/caregivers learn how to be their child's first teacher.
- Encourage parents/caregivers who may not be traditional library users to feel more comfortable about accessing the public library and its many resources.
- Build a more comprehensively literacy-rich environment within the public library system for this targeted age group that will include books, materials, programs and equipment.

Organization: New River Public Library Cooperative
Category: Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name: Public Access Computers: A New Paradigm of Service
Amount: \$41,630
Population to Be Served: 65,655
Area Served: Baker, Bradford and Union Counties
Summary: The New River Public Library Cooperative project, “Public Access Computers: a New Paradigm of Service,” provides new computers, access to the Internet and productivity tools, and computer training to the public. The new computers use the Zero Client computer model to provide access to the Internet. The Zero Client model uses two computers to distribute (or multiply) their information and programs to up to 10 users (seats). Each user station has its own monitor, keyboard and mouse. Operating system information and installed software is shared by users from one piece of computer hardware and distributed to each user; each user is independent of the other. Computer training continues at the cooperative for both adults and children. The adult classes consist of basic introduction to computers, Internet, email and word processing. School age children will be educated in safe computer and internet use.

Organization: Osceola County Library System
Category: Access for Persons Having Difficulty Using Libraries
Project Name: Automated Library Machines at Chambers Park
Amount: \$30,987
Population to Be Served: 6,154
Area Served: Osceola County
Summary: The “Automated Library Machines at Chambers Park” project will allow the Osceola County Library System to provide an automated library vending machine in the Chambers Park Community Center located in a low-income area in the city of Kissimmee. The library system has already partnered with the Chambers Park Community Center. In 2008, the City of Kissimmee completed renovation of the community center, increasing its size to 6,300 square feet. A multipurpose room, library, offices and handicapped accessible restrooms were added. The library system provided the facility with computers which are accessible to the public. Chambers Park staff oversees computer usage, which reaches an average of 35 users per day. The automated machine will provide an additional service and access to materials in lieu of opening a full-service branch.

Organization: Putnam Alachua Levy (PAL) Public Library Cooperative
Category: Access for Persons Having Difficulty Using Libraries
Project Name: L to a Higher Power: Language, Literacy & Learning for Life
Amount: \$71,148
Population to Be Served: 3,000
Area Served: Putnam County
Summary: The Putnam County Library System, a member of the PAL Library Cooperative, will continue the “L to a Higher Power: Language, Literacy & Learning for Life” project. It provides age and developmentally appropriate programs and collections to infants, young children, school age children, tweens, teens and their families. Programs range from early literacy programs with parent education components and training of child care providers, to humanities-based book discussion programs for families with school age children, to Internet safety classes for tweens, teens, their parents and caregivers. These programs target unserved and underserved audiences who use the branch libraries. Library collections in all libraries in the system will be enhanced.

Organization: Shimberg Health Sciences Library/University of South Florida
Category: Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name: Health Info To Go
Amount: \$53,842
Population to Be Served: 120,200
Area Served: Hillsborough County
Summary: The Shimberg Health Sciences Library at the University of South Florida is establishing a health literacy kiosk at the Carol and Frank Morsani Center for Advanced Healthcare. This three-part project named “Health InfoTo Go” focuses on providing access to authoritative consumer health resources in partnership with the USF Physicians Group at the Morsani Center via:

- A Public Information Kiosk - A self-service computer kiosk for patients, families, community members and staff will provide access to authoritative consumer health resources for use in managing their health in conjunction with their health care providers. Some resources include multiple languages and printed topic guides to supplement the information from the kiosk.
- Educational Outreach to Patients, Families and Community Members - The Shimberg Library staff will provide educational sessions at the Morsani Center for patients and community members on identified resources. The library will also collaborate with the Morsani Center support groups to highlight relevant consumer health resources based on their specific needs.
- Training Sessions for Public Librarians - The Shimberg Library staff will provide training to Tampa Bay area public librarians.

Multitype Library Cooperative Projects

Organization:	Northeast Florida Library Information Network (NEFLIN)
Category:	Access for Persons Having Difficulty Using Libraries
Project Name:	E-books for North Florida Libraries
Amount:	\$28,500
Population to Be Served:	207,632
Area Served:	Baker, Bradford, Union, Suwannee, Hamilton, Madison, Lafayette, Dixie, Gilchrist and Washington Counties
Summary:	The Northeast Florida Library Information Network is coordinating the project on behalf of the project partners: the New River Public Library Cooperative, the Suwannee River Regional Library System, the Three Rivers Regional Library System and the Washington County Public Library.

The "E-books for North Florida Libraries" project allows participating libraries to share a collection of E-books purchased from an E-book vendor. NEFLIN will make payment arrangements for E-books, purchase E-book devices and coordinate staff training for project partners. Project partners will provide local match, participate in the E-book Collection Development Committee and make training available for staff in their libraries. Adding E-books to their collections will expand access to library resources that assist patrons in finding needed information. All titles purchased go into a shared collection and are accessed through a shared website hosted by the E-book vendor. Patrons from any of the four library systems have access to all the titles in the shared collection no matter who purchased those titles.

Organization: Northeast Florida Library Information Network (NEFLIN)
Category: Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name: Trained Staff Improve Library Service
Amount: \$219,800
Population to Be Served: 2,408,222
Area Served: Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Brevard, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Marion, Nassau, Putnam, Saint Johns, Seminole, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and Volusia counties
Summary: The “Trained Staff Improve Library Services” project provides training for library staff through both face to face workshops and online webinars. Training sessions are held at NEFLIN's facility in Orange Park, at member library facilities and in NEFLIN's virtual classroom. These workshops cover a variety of topics that assist staff to incorporate Web 2.0 technology into their services, teach them how to use social networking tools and how to assist patrons with using public access computers. Other courses are designed for paraprofessionals who directly provide service to library users, and for managers, supervisors and administrators who may be new in their positions or would like tips on more effective library service.

Organization: Panhandle Library Access Network (PLAN)
Category: Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name: PLAN - Connecting People and Information Through Cooperation
Amount: \$198,956
Population to Be Served: 870,675
Area Served: Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Taylor, Wakulla, Walton and Washington counties
Summary: The Panhandle Library Access Network project “PLAN - Connecting People and Information Through Cooperation” will train library staff in order to help them facilitate, support and assist patrons in meeting their information needs via technology. The training will be delivered in-person, live online and through self-paced online classrooms. The topics will be chosen through surveys, feedback and requests of member and other librarians.

Organization: Southeast Florida Library Information Network
Category: Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name: Training and Technology for Better Service - Year 2
Amount: \$145,000
Population to Be Served: 3,409,176
Area Served: Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach counties
Summary: The Southeast Florida Library Information Network will improve the quality of services for library users in Southeast Florida by increasing the knowledge and skills of the library staff members who serve them. The “Training and Technology for Better Service - Year 2” project will deliver training in a variety of formats. The project will include face to face full-day and half-day training for library staff, online training (live online and self-paced) and a technology petting zoo.

Organization: Tampa Bay Library Consortium
Category: Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name: Training Libraries to Serve the Public
Amount: \$208,365
Population to Be Served: 6,444,651
Area Served: Citrus, Desoto, Glades, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lake, Manatee, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, and St. Lucie counties
Summary: “Training Libraries to Serve the Public” is a comprehensive program of continuing education that provides training for library staff located in the 18 counties served by the Tampa Bay Library Consortium. The purpose of the continuing education program is to enable librarians to better serve the public and meet their information needs. Continuing education includes libraries skills training, technology training and soft skills training, delivered in-person, live online and through self-paced online classrooms. Topics include cataloging, Web authoring, reference skills, new technologies, leadership and management skills. The project includes a paraprofessional’s day-long series of workshops that will also be available online.

Statewide Projects

Organization:	Division of Library and Information Services
Category:	Statewide Projects
Project Name:	Administration of the Annual Program
Amount:	\$307,124
Population to Be Served:	13,000
Area Served:	Statewide
Summary:	<p>The “Administration of the Annual Program” provides for the administration of the LSTA grant program. Activities in this project include LSTA grant application submission and review, maintenance of official program files, coordination of contracts and grant payments, monitoring and evaluation of grant funded projects, compilation and submission of reports and programs to the Institute of Museum and Library Services and technical assistance to potential applicants and grant recipients.</p> <p>Additionally, in the 2011-12 fiscal year, activities include evaluation of the implementation of the Division’s 2008-2012 long-range plan “Lead...Develop...Innovate...”; beginning the process of developing the Division’s long-range plan for the years 2013-2017; and contributing to the IMLS “Measuring Success” initiative. The Measuring Success initiative begins the process of transitioning the “Grants to States” program evaluation to a new results-based protocol.</p>

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services

Category: Statewide Projects

Project Name: Expanding Library Services for Access to Information

Amount: \$700,767

Population to Be Served: 17,420,041

Area Served: Statewide

Summary: The “Expanding Library Services for Access to Information” program empowers local libraries to solve their own problems and improve their own services to the public; provides knowledge and expertise that is not available locally; supports interlibrary cooperation and resource sharing among all types of local libraries; and builds trusting relationships and strong lines of communication between local libraries and the Division. The project provides technical assistance to libraries in a variety of ways, including:

- Helping libraries to determine their eligibility for E-Rate, approving technical plans, and assisting with calculations and discounts for E-Rate.
- Continuing to provide information activities and materials related to the Return on Investment study, such as brochures, templates and bookmarks, website updates and a webinar presentation.
- Broadening the E-Government services for individual libraries throughout Florida by coordinating E-Government projects in accordance with a statewide vision; coordinating the creation of a statewide E-Government Web portal; promoting libraries’ development of partnerships with governmental, nonprofit and community agencies; and providing webinars for training library staff to provide E-Government services.
- In-depth assessment of Florida library systems shown to be in the most need of upgrading broadband access, and then implementing the upgrade of broadband capacity.
- Continuing support for new library directors through webinars, site visits, courses, orientation sessions and an adviser program.

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services

Category: Statewide Projects

Project Name: Florida Electronic Library

Amount: \$3,841,519

Population to Be Served: 17,789,684

Area Served: Statewide

Summary: The Florida Electronic Library (FEL) is a unifying point of access for direct Web-based library services for all Floridians. It complements the print resources in Florida library collections and serves as a gateway to all of Florida's print resources and archival materials. The service components include:

- Access to licensed databases that include the full text of magazines and journals for both general and professional reference, including those that are targeted towards K-12, and high-quality art images from museums around the world.
- Provision of FloridaCat, a union catalog of Florida library holdings.
- Statewide support for online resource sharing in partnership with OCLC and Tampa Bay Library Consortium to provide Navigator Lite, which will allow Florida residents to search within WorldCat or FloridaCat for items not held by their local library and to request them online.
- The Ask a Librarian program, a virtual, collaborative reference service for Florida.
- The Florida on Florida catalog of digital materials. It includes maps, photographs, postcards, books and manuscripts from digital collections held by libraries, archives, museums and historical societies throughout Florida.
- Provision of in-depth training in using the FEL and its resources. Topics include Homework Help, Health Resources, Academic Resources, and how to get the most out of the FEL through use of Web 2.0.

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services

Category: Statewide Projects

Project Name: Florida Library Youth Program

Amount: \$200,000

Population to Be Served: 3,600,850

Area Served: Statewide

Summary: The Florida Library Youth Program is a coordinated and collaborative effort between the Division of Library and Information Services and youth services librarians at public libraries. The program's mission is to promote the value of reading. The major emphasis is on staff training and resources to support locally delivered services and programs to readers. The program's goal is to provide Floridians with information and innovative and responsive library services which meet their diverse geographic, cultural and socioeconomic needs. The outcome is that children, teens, their families and caregivers have library programs and services that are age and developmentally appropriate. The Division coordinates a Summer Reading Program to promote learning and reading during summer and school vacations by participating in a national summer reading program collaborative; developing face to face and webinar training opportunities for librarians; publishing relevant information via an electronic magazine, blog, and wiki; and reporting on the statistical results of library programs and attendance.

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services

Category: Statewide Projects

Project Name: Florida Memory Project

Amount: \$226,758

Population to Be Served: 18,750,483

Area Served: Statewide

Summary: The Florida Memory Project is devoted to enhancing the public's awareness of Florida's rich historical and cultural heritage by making unique and historically significant documents, photographs, sound recordings and moving images available online. The Florida Memory Project is a Web initiative that promotes awareness and understanding of the Division of Library and Information Services' collections and services. Florida Memory educational units support Florida's Next Generation Sunshine State Standards, and feature resources that help support teachers and students by providing primary source material to teach and study Florida history. The Memory Project website targets everyone with Internet access who is interested in Florida history. The documentation provided on this website forms a unique and invaluable record of the living traditions of Florida's populace. The following activities will be performed during this grant period:

- The Florida Memory website will be updated and redesigned.
- Existing collections on Florida Memory will continue to grow and develop.
- An exhibit commemorating the American Civil War Sesquicentennial will be added to the Florida Memory website.
- A new research collection will be added to the Florida Memory website. The State Library's "WPA Inventory of the Church Archives of Florida Collection" (approximately 12,000 documents) will be scanned, cataloged, and a searchable database created.

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services
Category: Statewide Projects
Project Name: Leadership Recruitment and Development
Amount: \$160,769
Population to Be Served: 20,000
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: The Division of Library and Information Services' "Leadership Recruitment and Development" program has five components:

- The Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute, a series of 10 face to face and online workshops built to promote leadership, vision, values, strategic thinking, professional development and the building of relationships. Between workshops, participants work online through a wiki to collaborate on projects and work with their own chosen mentors – experienced professionals in the field of Library and Information Science.
- The Annual Public Library Directors' Meeting, designed so that Directors from around the state are able to create a dialogue with each other to share information and resources, identify trends and strategies, and help each other to meet the needs of their own communities.
- The New Public Library Directors' Orientation, an introduction to the services offered by the Division of Library and Information Services.
- The Florida Library Leadership Laboratory, a series of interactive online workshops designed for executive, upper or middle library management.
- The Florida Library Jobs website, a cost-effective recruitment tool used to assist library organizations to fill their vacancies.

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services
Category: Statewide Projects
Project Name: Planning, Evaluation and Statistics
Amount: \$267,616
Population to Be Served: 7,042
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: The “Planning, Evaluation and Statistics” program of the Division of Library and Information Services provides assistance primarily to public libraries, enabling these libraries to provide improved services to their patrons. The program works with libraries to demonstrate the value, effectiveness and efficiency of libraries in Florida. In 2011-2012, the program will continue to collect, publish and analyze public library data; conduct evaluation activities that will enable grant recipients to evaluate their projects; and maintain and expand the Florida Library and Grants system. Additionally, the Planning, Evaluation and Statistics area will coordinate and facilitate long-range planning activities for the Division of Library and Information Services and for public libraries across the state.

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services
Category: Statewide Projects
Project Name: Statewide Continuing Education & Training
Amount: \$130,786
Population to Be Served: 13,000
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: The Statewide Continuing Education & Training Program provides Florida library staff access to online instructor-led classes, workshops and online self-paced courses. Staff will be able to participate in live training events from their desktops. They will also be able to pursue independent study through online self-paced courses.

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services
Category: Statewide Projects
Project Name: Statewide Resource Sharing and Collection Development
Amount: \$860,808
Population to Be Served: 18,537,969
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: The “Statewide Resource Sharing and Collection Development” project allows the Division of Library and Information Services to provide services to other state agencies, the legislature and the general public. Through its collections of books, state government publications, historic maps, manuscripts, official state records, photographs and other media, the Division serves the specialized information needs of Floridians. It supplements the collections of libraries statewide through resource sharing and meets the information needs of state government. Information and research services are provided on site as well as via telephone, fax, email and through an array of web-based information services