



LSTA 2009 Minigrants
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Dr. Samuel L. Bossard Memorial Library, \$8,374 to initiate a countywide early literacy awareness campaign. Literacy packets will be developed and distributed at the local hospital's pediatric department to parents of newborns and at the WIC office. Additionally, library staff will provide Ready to Read seminars at various locations. The purchase of 2 AWE stations will allow the library to provide additional learning experiences to preschoolers visiting the library. Contact: Angie Strait, straitan@oplin.org, 740.446.7323.

Instructional Technology Services of Central Ohio (ITSCO), \$24,000 for the development of the Literature Lounge Phase II. The pilot project, was a collaborative partnership with Worthington Public Library and Worthington School District to create Book Talks and online book studies. Federal funds will be used to contract to set up a contract management system and video editing software. This will ITSCO to expand the project to other public libraries and school districts in their region and eventually to an even broader audience. Contact: Amy Palermo, amy@itsco.org; 614.247.8400.

Jefferson Area Local School District, \$3,348, to initiate a literacy project at the Junior/Senior High School using Playaway audio books. This project will target students with Individualized Educational Plans and those on individualized educational intervention plans. It is anticipated that using Playways will encourage these students to read, follow along with the book and help them with words they are struggling to learn. Quizzes and book reports will be used to assess increased understanding. Contact: Terry Furman, tj.furman@neomin.org; 440.576.4731.

Kate Love Simpson Morgan Co. Library, \$15,021, for the "Books of Our Own" project. This project will allow the library to expand its early literacy program which currently makes seven preschool visits per month. Additional materials will be purchased for the library collection as well as the outreach program. AWE early literacy workstation will be purchased for the library and two laptop computers will be purchased for the outreach program. Contact: Blythe Schubert, blythe@oplin.org, 740.962.2533.

LaSalle High School, \$22,305 to purchase interactive videoconferencing equipment for distance learning opportunities. The high school is in process of implementing a project-based curriculum. The library will use the videoconferencing equipment to assist classes

in identifying and utilizing primary source information. The librarian will work with teachers to develop problem and project centered assignments which will utilize virtual field trips. Contact: Michele Turner, mturner@lasallehs.net, 513.741.2976.

Licking Valley School District, \$3,307, to better serve the needs of special education students. The library media center will create an audio book collection that can easily be uploaded to an iPod or MP3 player. The new collection will provide special education students accessibility to titles in a format that will assist them in reaching their learning potential. Contact: Theresa Boehmer, boehmert@lickingvalley.12.oh.us, 740.763.3551.

Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton Co., \$24,000, to purchase a digital camera that will be used to digitize large format materials as well as equipment to secure the materials and the camera. This equipment will be used to expand the existing and successful digitization program of the library. One thousand maps and prints in the Library's collection will be the first items digitized. Contact: Jason Buydos, Jason.Buydos@cincinnati.library.org, 513.369.3193.

Salem Public Library, \$14,735 to establish satellite library branches in two city parks during the summer of 2009. The branches will provide a series of early childhood literacy programs targeting families with children between the ages of three and five. Six story time events will occur at each location and will be based on the principles of Every Child Ready to Read as well as teach socialization skills necessary for children to succeed in a school environment. The parks selected are located close to economically-challenged, residential populations. The collections at the satellite locations will contain a mix of library materials. Contact: Brad Stephens, brads@saalem.lib.oh.us, 330.332.0042.

Stark County District Library, \$21,003 to expand the library's Born 2 Read program to all 11 locations of the Library system. Additionally, outreach locations will include Even Start, community services of Stark County, a local school, and the Mother Mentor program. An emphasis will be placed on reaching those who are not currently library users. Contact: Lisa Szele, lszeles@starklibrary.org, 330.458.2709.

The Ohio State University, \$14,943 for the "What is Your Hilltop?" project. The OSU library is partnering with the Hilltop Branch of Columbus Metropolitan Library, the University's Center for the Study and Teaching of Writing and the Goldberg Center. A community class will be conducted at the public library to teach audio production, photo manipulation, and video editing as well as story planning procedures and interview techniques. Participants will use their skills to collect and document local history interviews and important community events. Contact: Nancy Courtney, Courtney.24@osue.edu, 614.688.8771.

Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, \$11,778 to establish the Edrene Cole African American History Collection. Edrena Cole is a deceased educator and local historian. This project will include tapings interviews of African Americans in the Toledo area and making the interviews as well as photographs and documents of historical significance

available to the public in a variety of formats. Contact: Faith Hairston, faith.hairston@toledolibrary.org, 419.259.5283.

University of Cincinnati, \$24,000, to digitize early volumes of the University of Cincinnati yearbook, *The Cincinnati*. Currently these volumes are used by researchers and the public for genealogy purposes, documenting urban history, and tracing the growth of higher education. The University will contract with the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County to digitize 56 volumes, 16,000 pages. The digital files will be available through the University of Cincinnati's website, the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County Virtual Library, and the OhioLINK Digital Resource Commons. Contact: Kevin Grace, Kevin.grace@uc.edu, 513.556.1959.

Wright State University, \$2,131, to initiate a digital fluency summer course for students in the Upward Bound Program. Students will create visuals for movies as well as complete digital storytelling assignments. Contact: Sue Polanka, sue.polanka@wright.edu, 937.775.3142.