LSTA Grant Awards & Abstracts 2016-2017

Grant Category: **EZ Literacy & Lifelong Learning**

Institution/Library: **Burke County Public Library**

Award: $21,547

Abstract::

Burke County Library staff has noticed an increase in senior patron's frustration with and questions about technology. The Library will purchase the equipment needed to teach senior patrons how to use laptops and tablets in a safe and comfortable way. Classes, workshops, and presentations will cover basic use to financial and health care. Life-long learning can continue well into the twilight years of an individual's life, and skills learned in these classes will allow our seniors to actively live and participate in their world.

Grant Category: **EZ Literacy & Lifelong Learning**

Institution/Library: **Cabarrus County Public Library**

Award: $27,468

Abstract::

Library administration has identified the absence of Spanish language services as an unintentional barrier to equitable information access. To fully embody the library's mission to serve a diverse public and provide for the literacy and lifelong learning needs of this significant portion of Cabarrus residents, Cabarrus County Public Library will improve the target audience's ability to discover information by increasing literacy opportunities, improving Spanish marketing and outreach and developing Spanish language collections, resources and programs via a Bilingual Library Assistant.

Grant Category: **EZ Literacy & Lifelong Learning**

Institution/Library: **Caswell County Public Library**

Award: $31,344

Abstract::

The Caswell County Public Library proposes a partnership with Piedmont Community College and the Career Center to provide free employment assistance, training and resources for our community.

This project would enable patrons to have a better understanding of the services offered by the Career Center and community college. Book-A-Librarian sessions provide patrons with general knowledge and assistance with computers, internet, job searches, resumes, cover letter, interview skills and employment resources.

Grant Category: **EZ Literacy & Lifelong Learning**

Institution/Library: **Catawba County Library**

Award: $47,233

Abstract::

The Catawba County Library will reach out to those lacking internet service, technology and digital literacy. By lending our citizens Wifi hotspot devices and computer equipment, the library will provide improved access to critical digital resources and add significant learning opportunities. To compliment the improved access, the library will provide digital literacy training to empower people to become effective internet users and digital citizens.

Grant Category: **EZ Literacy & Lifelong Learning**

Institution/Library: **Catawba College**

Award: $17,382

Abstract::

The Corriher-Linn-Black Library of Catawba College will provide a Collaborative Commons in its current reference section of the library. The Collaborative Commons will house several workstations that enable students to work together in groups as well as a number of machines that will facilitate and enhance collaborative work and academic group projects. The design of this creative, interactive and collaborative area and its accompanying equipment will significantly enhance the educational mission of the college, and will enable students to acquire and master the life-long skills necessary to work collaboratively and creatively in a highly interactive and technically rich future environment.

Grant Category: **EZ Literacy & Lifelong Learning**

Institution/Library: **Charlotte Mecklenburg Library**

Award: $39,134

Abstract::

To move its Digital Strategy forward to the next phase, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library will create a living catalog of live and on-demand web-based programs. This project will use new technologies and learning approaches to equip our community members with another channel – an always-on

distribution model - to access educational Library programs. Storytimes, online courses (literacy, education success and workforce development), community conversations, author events, and topical webinars will be accessible through the Library's website.

Grant Category: **EZ Literacy & Lifelong Learning**

Institution/Library: **Cumberland County Public Library & Information Center**

Award: $45,656

Abstract::

Cumberland County Public Library & Information Center will establish interactive Early Literacy Family (ELF) Centers at all eight library locations to engage families in literacy-based learning. The ELF Centers will enrich children's learning through what the American Library Association's ECRR program defines as five simple, but effective practices: talking, singing, reading, writing and playing. Parents and guardians will also have access to materials and activities that will enable them to learn about and to apply Every Child Ready to Read (ECRR) concepts to their routines at home. A primary component of this project is the installation of "Kids iPad Kiosks" with secure iPad stations for early literacy learning. The technology will complement literacy-based activities that include age appropriate board books, manipulatives, games, puzzles and items for imaginative play.

Grant Category: **EZ Literacy & Lifelong Learning**

Institution/Library: **Fontana Regional Library**

Award: $50,000

Abstract::

Fontana Regional Library will assist students to meet the NC Essential Standards in space and astronomy education by bringing programming to the schools and libraries featuring topics relating to space exploration and astronomy. We will purchase a portable planetarium and curriculum kits for teacher and homeschool use based on those education standards, as well as computers, interactive learning stations, and other tools of astronomical observation, encouraging lifelong STEM learning.

Grant Category: **EZ Literacy & Lifelong Learning**

Institution/Library: **Johnston Community College**

Award: $50,000

Abstract::

Johnston Community College (JCC), Johnston County Early College Academy, and Johnston County Middle College High School will improve the high school students' formal education. The

Middle College students need a grade-level collection of high-interest materials to build reading skills for lifelong learning, and the Early College students need updated and expanded library resources and services to build research skills for success in their formal college education at JCC and beyond. A series of workshops will target research skills for Early College freshmen. The year will conclude with a student speech contest debating print books versus electronic books and a class discussion of a common read.

Grant Category: **EZ Literacy & Lifelong Learning**

Institution/Library: **Lincoln County Public Library**

Award: $50,000

Abstract::

Lincoln County Public Library is committed to building an early literacy program which not only models, but teaches caregivers how to help develop pre-reading skills in children. Using the foundation provided by Every Child Ready to Read, the Lincoln County Public Library will implement new and enhanced early literacy programs with a more comprehensive philosophical approach that trains and engages caregivers in the learning process. As part of this initiative, the Library is expanding its preschool programs to include Literacy-Enhanced Storytimes, literacy training for caregivers, technology in literacy programming, and outreach programs that increase awareness of early literacy and better connect with the community.

Grant Category: **EZ Literacy & Lifelong Learning**

Institution/Library: **Madison County Public Libraries**

Award: $25,787

Abstract::

The All in One Workforce Development program will meet the essential educational and technological needs of community members seeking employment or better employment opportunities in Madison County. The program includes comprehensive literacy one-on-one tutoring by trained staff access to literacy and pre-GED resources. The library will create mini-labs at all locations to provide improved technology access to community members as well as the opportunity to enhance their marketability through workforce development classes. A Workforce Development Coordinator/Instructor will provide outreach to non-profit organizations.

Grant Category: **EZ Literacy & Lifelong Learning**

Institution/Library: **Neuse Regional Library**

Award: $26,000

Abstract::

Neuse Regional Library patrons will have access to iPads system-wide that will be used in free workshops that will increase their digital literacy on topics such as multi-media production, social media, digital privacy and security, and Internet searching. Patrons who cannot afford home Internet service will also be empowered to participate in these workshops through access to circulating wireless hotspots.

Grant Category: **EZ Literacy & Lifelong Learning**

Institution/Library: **New Hanover County Public Library**

Award: $11,250

Abstract::

In an effort to reach potential users, New Hanover County Public Library will create a pop up library that can be rapidly set up for a few hours in parks, schools, neighborhoods, and community centers. People will be able to get library cards, check out books, learn to use online databases, download eBooks, and attend early literacy enhancing storytimes and programs for children.

Grant Category: **EZ Literacy & Lifelong Learning**

Institution/Library: **Onslow County Public Library**

Award: $13,936

Abstract::

Onslow County Public Library is uniquely poised to become a powerful adult literacy advocate to a diverse and transient population. A population segment that would otherwise be unaware of library services and devoid of storefront print media access in the Albert J. Ellis Airport would be afforded convenient, easy access to a broad range of digital genres in both e-Book and audiobook format. In this new collaboration, OCPL and OAJ propose to tap into the resources of both county agencies and valuable feedback from the USO Ellis Airport Center.

Grant Category: **EZ Literacy & Lifelong Learning**

Institution/Library: **Orange County Public Library**

Award: $28,636

Abstract::

The Orange County Public Library seeks to make its strategic priorities: collections, services, community space, and technology accessible for all County residents. Partnering with local disability advocacy groups, Orange County Schools, and community members the library wants to acquire the equipment and training to enable individuals with disabilities to independently engage with library resources. In addition to making the breadth of pre-existing services accessible, new programs and technology training will be created to address the needs of this new audience. The expanded services will be launched in conjunction with a programming series raising disability awareness that will continue throughout the year.

Grant Category: **EZ Literacy & Lifelong Learning**

Institution/Library: **Pettigrew Regional Library**

Award: $29,466

Abstract::

Pettigrew Regional Library intends to purchase technology and supplies that will enable staff to develop programs, using early childhood technology, to reach out to children in the community that do not have access to computers in their homes. Using a combination of AWE Computer Stations and Playaway Launchpads, the four libraries in the system intend to reach our younger children through story time and additional programming, partnering with Head Start and Smart Start.

Grant Category: **EZ Literacy & Lifelong Learning**

Institution/Library: **Robeson County Public Library**

Award: $14,717

Abstract::

Robeson County Public Library wishes to expand the library's services and resources to the unemployed and underemployed citizens in our county. The library will offer thirty-six technology intensive workforce development programs throughout our seven facilities. Approximately 100 current career resources will supplement library collections to support the project. The conclusion of the grant cycle will feature a community-wide career fair in the Osterneck Auditorium.

Grant Category: **EZ Literacy & Lifelong Learning**

Institution/Library: **University of North Carolina at Asheville**

Award: $38,016

Abstract::

D. Hiden Ramsey Library, located at the heart of UNC Asheville's campus, is the vital center of the pursuit of knowledge at UNC Asheville. The CrAFT (Creativity, Art, Fabrication, and Technology) Studio is intended as a student-driven space adjacent to the Media Design Lab where all UNC Asheville students, faculty, and staff can utilize a myriad of tools to be creative at the intersection of technology, creativity, and scholarship. We anticipate bringing in items such as 3D printers, large-form printers, state-of-the-art tablets, convertible furniture, and much more to create a dynamic studio environment where creativity, scholarship, critical thinking, and inquiry work in concert with one another. The CrAFT Studio will become a hub for creativity and collaboration for all majors on our campus.

Grant Category: **EZ Literacy & Lifelong Learning**

Institution/Library: **Warren Wilson College**

Award: $14,527

Abstract::

The Sound Lab will be a dedicated space for the creation, production and editing of digital sound, allowing users to engage with non-traditional educational technology in a setting that encourages experiential learning. It will provide professional-grade equipment and software in an open, comfortable and inviting environment conducive to effective student, staff and faculty learning and creation, along with professional library faculty and student work crew support, training and instruction. The lab will encourage the creation of tangible audio products that can readily be shared with a wide audience on a variety of online platforms.

Grant Category: **EZ Literacy & Lifelong Learning**

Institution/Library: **Western Carolina University**

Award: $36,966

Abstract::

A successful Instagram library tour pilot for first-year students at WCU has made evident the library's need for mobile instruction technology. With mobile technology, librarians would have the option to teach in pre-designated instruction areas, involve students in collaborative activities throughout the library's physical space, or both. Acquisition of this technology will greatly enhance the student learning experience, amplify librarians' creative teaching opportunities, and support library and university educational missions, including WCU's new Quality Enhancement Plan, "Courses to Careers," to encourage information literacy and lifelong learning beyond graduation.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

Institution/Library: **Alamance County Public Libraries**

Award: $32,142

Abstract::

The Alamance County Public Library System will create a strategic plan for library services and resources in Alamance County. The creation and implementation of a strategic plan is vital in providing exemplary services and resources to our community. A consultant will conduct community assessments, prioritize input, and evaluate current library services in order to create a plan that addresses the needs of our community. This long range strategic plan will be used in planning programs and providing resources and materials as well as guide in the annual budget process.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

Institution/Library: **Appalachian Regional Library**

Award: $20,057

Abstract::

In order to best serve library users across our three-county service area, Appalachian Regional Library will hire a consultant to assess the adequacy and optimal usage of all our current facilities' spaces. The resulting space-needs study will enable us to make informed decisions about 1) how to use the spaces in our buildings to their fullest advantage, 2) how to plan for future services in terms of the use of space, and 3) whether, and where, we need additional space to serve our users adequately now or in the near future. All users and potential users of all our facilities are potentially impacted by the results of this planning activity.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

Institution/Library: **Belmont Abbey College**

Award: $29,242

Abstract::

Belmont Abbey College Library is planning for digitization its Special Collections with the help of a consultant experienced in rare book and manuscript digitization. Many of the rare books in Special Collections are inaccessible to library users unless by appointment with preservation staff. The intended outcome of the project is a written plan containing recommendations on content criteria, digitization equipment, content management software, and workflow planning.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

Institution/Library: **BHM Regional Library**

Award: $34,540

Abstract::

The BHM Regional Library will develop a five-year strategic program and service plan based on the process outlined in the Public Library Association's Strategic Planning for Results with the help of a consultant. The planning process will consist of a community needs assessment phase and a strategic planning phase.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

Institution/Library: **Charlotte Mecklenburg Library**

Award: $49,800

Abstract::

The Charlotte Mecklenburg Library will undertake a 5-month planning process to create a new, robust technology plan that supports people-centered spaces and technology that reflects consumer use in the community. A consultant will review all current related planning documents (Blueprint, current strategic plans, facility plans, previous technology plans) and conduct initial interviews; work with Library staff to create and disseminate customer survey questions; conduct a two-day onsite consultation for insight interviews and focus groups; and draft and finalize a technology plan that Library staff and leadership are able to use to strategically prepare for future County funding requests and other resource allocation needs.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

Institution/Library: **Davie County Public Library**

Award: $22,735

Abstract::

Davie County Public Library will conduct strategic planning facilitated by an outside consultant, building on our 2011 plan, to prepare library management and staff for delivering services to the community over the next five years. The project will seek broad community input on resources, both physical and digital, programming, customer service, and facility and space management.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

Institution/Library: **Farmville Public Library**

Award: $30,565

Abstract::

Farmville Public Library will hire consultants to facilitate a strategic planning process that will result in a community needs assessment, a five-year strategic program/service plan, and space needs assessment for the library. This planning project will assess the Library's current services and physical space and strategically identify priorities for increasing alignment between what the library offers and what current and future library users need.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

Institution/Library: **Lincoln County Public Library**

Award: $19,350

Abstract::

Library facilities are quickly reaching their capacity as the population in Lincoln County continues to increase. The library will facilitate a conversation about the future of library services and the spaces needed to adequately accommodate the community's vision for the library. The library plans to conduct community forums, targeted focus groups, and one-on-one meetings with key stakeholders throughout the county. Working with a consultant, the library will design a facility plan that will help guide the development of future services and potential building projects.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

Institution/Library: **Orange County Public Library**

Award: $40,000

Abstract::

Orange County Public Library will create a three-year Strategic Plan for library services, building on our success of Information Access. A consultant will provide this comprehensive and complete Strategic Planning process as well as an Internal Communications Audit. We will evaluate the relevancy, appropriateness and quality of services to provide the best value for our community's investment.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

Institution/Library: **Sandhill Regional Library System**

Award: $26,805

Abstract::

Sandhill Regional Library System will hire a consultant to develop a technology plan and new network topology that will be functional and efficient for the foreseeable future, providing optimal Internet access for patrons in all five SRLS counties. The entire network will be surveyed, including connections, hardware, and service providers, and a 3-year technology plan will be written for the region, in parallel with the SRLS long term strategic plan.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

Institution/Library: **Surry Community College**

Award: $16,000

Abstract::

Surry County Digital Heritage (SCDH) is envisioned as a county-wide project to locate and identify materials in collections in libraries and other locations in Surry County that will be digitized in a project coordinated by the Surry Community College Library. A consultant will determine the scope, feasibility, workflow planning, equipment needs, content data hosting solutions, and sustainability needs in preparation for Digitization.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

Institution/Library: **Transylvania County Library**

Award: $48,626

Abstract::

The Transylvania County Library will conduct Strategic/Long Range planning for programs and services for current and future library users. We will utilize The Aspen Report, Rising to the Challenge: Re-envisioning Public Libraries and its accompanying Action Guide for Re-Envisioning Your Public Library to craft a dynamic new road-map for the Library as it seeks to better serve a rapidly changing community.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

Institution/Library: **University of North Carolina at Asheville**

 Award: $48,825

Abstract::

The Western North Carolina Library Network (WNCLN) proposes a strategic planning process to engage with its users in crafting future directions that serve its mission of fostering active cooperation and collaboration to best serve information needs of its users. The planning process will also allow for investigations of a broader definition of who and what the network is comprised

through focus groups with current users, discussion with potential new partners throughout the North Carolina higher education community and conversation with other national consortia about current and future services in a rapidly evolving environment of information access. The planning process will result in a future directions document of clear, achievable goals that will guide future activities of the network.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

Institution/Library: **Union County Public Library**

Award: $27,685

Abstract::

The Union County Public Library is seeking a Planning Grant to conduct a Space Needs Assessment to create a 21st century library space that can meet the evolving needs of our diverse population of users. There has not been any formal assessment of the Main Library's space since it was renovated in 2003. Consequently, our current space forces our patrons to adapt to it instead of our space adapting to our patrons' needs. With the help of a consultant, our goal is to create a 21st century Main Library space that is adaptable to our current and future patrons' needs while fostering collaboration, innovation, and reconfiguration.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

Institution/Library: **Vance-Granville Community College**

Award: $23,893

Abstract::

The Vance-Granville Community College Main Campus Library needs to be modernized to meet the needs of 21st Century students. The library will hire a professional space planner to work with us to create a more functional space, and resulting in a professionally created plan as we move forward to secure additional furnishings and equipment.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

Institution/Library: **Warren County Memorial Library**

Award: $18,995

Abstract::

Warren County Memorial Library will develop a five-year strategic program and service plan. The planning process provides a timeline for strategic initiatives for current and future library users in Warren County. The Public Library Association's Strategic Planning for Results, augmented by the

Community Needs Assessment Process employed in a recent pilot project sponsored by the State Library of North Carolina will be utilized. The planning process will include community needs assessment and strategic planning phases, conducted by a consultant.

Grant Category: **Project Access & Digitization**

Institution/Library: **CPC Regional Library**

Award: $100,000

Abstract::

Craven-Pamlico-Carteret Regional Library has made the strategic decision to change its integrated library system based on information about community needs and priorities expressed during its long range planning process.

Grant Category: **Project Access & Digitization**

Institution/Library: **Forsyth County Public Library**

Award: $100,000

Abstract::

Forsyth County Public Library's Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) project includes targets, conversion stations, self-checkout kiosks, staff pad workstations, and security technology for its flagship Central Library which is undergoing major renovation and is due to reopen in early 2017. Implementing RFID at Forsyth County's busiest library location will offer the largest segment of our patron population an up-to-date transaction experience, allow staff to provide more sophisticated customer service, and will position Central Library for future developments in library collection technology, including inventory management and data gathering for collection development.

Grant Category: **Project Access & Digitization**

Institution/Library: **NCSU Libraries**

Award: $94,794

Abstract::

Year two of "Better Living in North Carolina: Bringing Science and Technology to the People," will increase user discoverability of primary source materials on agricultural extension that reveal the transformation of North Carolina's agricultural economy during the twentieth century and the ways this improved the lives of its citizens through applications of science and technology. A significant amount of these materials are microfilm. The library will scan, describe, and create a full text index

objects from reports and other archival materials. The project will create a single online access point in which users can access these important historical materials.

Grant Category: **Project Access & Digitization**

Institution/Library: **University of North Carolina at Greensboro Libraries**

Abstract::

Good Medicine will provide digital access to more than 47,100 items from thirteen archival collections and also from several monographs. The material documents Greensboro's rich medical history, from its origin in church-housed hospitals during the Civil War and the arrival of Greensboro's first Catholic hospital, to the development of nursing education programs and large health care providers. The project is a collaborative effort of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro University Libraries, the Cone Health Medical Library, the Greensboro Historical Museum Archives, and the Greensboro Public Library.

Grant Category: **Project Literacy & Lifelong Learning**

Institution/Library: **Brevard College**

Award: $100,000

Abstract::

This project will create an experiential Learning Commons that focuses on student success, combining library and learning support services to improve formal student learning. The grant will help the library make the paradigm shift from traditional warehouse and lecture-oriented bibliographic instruction center to a user-centered experiential learning laboratory offering a wide variety of support services.

Grant Category: **Project Literacy & Lifelong Learning**

Institution/Library: **Chapel Hill Public Library**

 Award:$96,997

Abstract::

CHPL's Pop-Up Library will be like Highlights magazine – "fun with a purpose." Physically more like a food truck than a traditional bookmobile, it will serve up materials and programs offsite. The Pop-Up Library will be deployed in the name of literacy and lifelong learning for all ages, with a targeted focus in the summer, taking literacy materials and support directly to the kids and families who need it most. Year-round, it will support the community's various nodes of interest around

lifelong learning. The Pop-Up Library will advance our goals of engaging new audiences, supporting educational success, and creating great experiences for our community.

Grant Category: **Project Literacy & Lifelong Learning**

Institution/Library: **Durham County Library**

Award: $53,800

Abstract::

Renewal of the "Teen Tech Learning Lab - Where Science and Imagination Collide!" will continue to expand teen services and program offerings in the Durham County Library System. It will also forward the MakerSpace movement within the system. The initiative reinforces STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) topics through hands on projects and real life scenarios utilizing different technology and resources. Field trips and special events will be organized for teens, especially those from underserved communities, to experience STEAM-related activities and careers. Program sessions will continue to take place every day after school, on weekends, and over the summer, increasing engagement with teens in the community, while nurturing critical community partnerships.

Grant Category: **Project Literacy & Lifelong Learning**

Institution/Library: **East Carolina University**

Award: $85,793

Abstract::

Librarians at East Carolina University and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro will conduct an alternative textbook project to run simultaneously at both institutions. Sharing best practices, procedures, and promotional materials, the librarians have a two-pronged approach to reduce students' textbook costs and increase their academic engagement. One strategy is to award departmental faculty mini-grants to adopt, adapt, or create Open Educational Resources as the bases for their syllabi. The second strategy is to work with the university bookstore to identify required texts that either the library already owns or can purchase as ebooks for unlimited simultaneous users.

Grant Category: **Project Literacy & Lifelong Learning**

Institution/Library: **Wayne County Public Library**

Award: $71,474

Abstract::

In order to address Wayne County's school readiness crisis, the library will work cooperatively with community partners who have linked arms and formed a school readiness coalition to provide young children and their families with comprehensive early literacy experiences aimed at preparing them for school success. Our school readiness project, Read Wayne, has two major components: (1) The library will serve as the lead agency and will initiate Wayne County joining the Campaign for Grade Level Reading; and (2) the library will implement the Every Child Ready to Read program as an outreach effort that targets the county's most vulnerable children ages birth to five and their families.

Grant Category: **NC Cardinal Migration**

Institution/Library: **Bladen County Public Library**

Award: $28,612

Abstract::

NC Cardinal Migration Grants fund the costs associated with migrating library records into the NC Cardinal Integrated Library System (ILS). NC Cardinal is a growing consortium of North Carolina public libraries with the goal of sharing resources and expanding opportunities through a single online catalog.

Grant Category: **NC Cardinal Migration**

Institution/Library: **Granville County Library System**

Award: $35,342

Abstract::

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Grant Category: **NC Cardinal Migration**

Institution/Library: **Scotland County Memorial Library**

Award: $21,595

Abstract::

NC Cardinal Migration Grants fund the costs associated with migrating library records into the NC Cardinal Integrated Library System (ILS). NC Cardinal is a growing consortium of North Carolina

public libraries with the goal of sharing resources and expanding opportunities through a single online catalog.

Grant Category: **Special Project**

Institution/Library: **Edgecombe Community College**

Abstract::

Measuring the impact of library services on the people who use them has been an ongoing challenge for many years and its importance has increased as public financing of all types of libraries is threatened. Edgecombe Community College, with the help of a consultant, will conduct a three-year study that will create and implement assessments that can be used to establish a link between library services and the success of both students and faculty in North Carolina community colleges. The impact of the study will be far reaching as it may establish a national baseline for community college assessment that can be replicated.

Grant Category: **Special Project**

Institution/Library: **North Carolina Museum of Art Library**

Abstract::

The Art Reference Library of the North Carolina Museum of Art has reached a critical juncture. After 33 years in the same location, the collection has grown exponentially and the space no longer adequately meets users' needs. The ARL will hire a consultant to assist with current and future space planning, as well as determine the needs of internal and external users of the Library to inform the existing plan to rehabilitate the East Building. The resulting final report will guide future initiatives and fulfill its mission as a Museum Library for the people of the State of North Carolina.

Grant Category: **Special Project**

Institution/Library: **North Carolina State University, NC LIVE Training**

Abstract::

NC LIVE will create and deliver a comprehensive training program designed to build member library staff knowledge of NC LIVE as a membership cooperative; increase awareness of the services and resources available to library users through NC LIVE memberships; develop the digital resource skills necessary for efficient selection, navigation, and extraction of content from NC LIVE-provided resources; encourage and empower library staff to apply their new knowledge and skills. The training will be free and open to all member libraries. The training design, content and logistics will be determined by a yearly needs assessment and ongoing evaluation.

Grant Category: **Special Project**

Institution/Library: **University of North Carolina, Digital Heritage Center**

Abstract::

The North Carolina Digital Heritage Center helps libraries, archives, and museums throughout the state to digitize selected materials from their local and family history collections and make them freely accessible online. The Center also helps North Carolina institutions share information about their digital collections with a national audience through the Digital Public Library of America. The Center is committed to providing fast and flexible services that meet the changing needs of North Carolina's libraries and other cultural heritage institutions.

Grant Category: **Statewide Leadership Program**

Institution/Library: **State Library of North Carolina, Government Heritage Library**

Abstract::

The @NCresources project will make additional content freely available online through the North Carolina Digital Collections. As part of the @NCresources project, approximately 25,000 pages of publications relating to North Carolina not digitized elsewhere will be digitized, including North Carolina state government publications and other materials. These publications are in the public domain. Requests for additional publications to be digitized come in monthly from state agencies and end users. Materials have been prioritized based on feedback from users of the Government & Heritage Library, users of the North Carolina Digital Collections, North Carolina state agencies, and staff. Metadata about the items will be created and shared with the Digital Public Library of America, via the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center to further facilitate access to the content. This project funds one full time position to manage the digitization of materials and their incorporation into digital resources, travel for continuing education and the sharing of lessons learned relating to digital projects, and software and print resources to assist with the processing and creation of digital projects.

Grant Category: **Statewide Leadership Program**

Institution/Library: **State Library of North Carolina, Library Development**

Abstract::

21st Century Libraries. This project will provide access to the LibGuides platform for the State Library of North Carolina, 58 community college libraries, and 81 public library systems in the state that allows library staff to easily create online content for users in a hosted environment.

Grant Category: **Statewide Leadership Program**

Institution/Library: **State Library of North Carolina, Government Heritage Library**

Abstract::

The Digital Summit will bring together North Carolina's digital leaders for an in-person meeting to set common goals for North Carolina's digital directions for the next five and ten years. Data will be collected and a literature review will be conducted prior to the Summit to provide background information into the past and current status of digital libraries and archives. Attendees of the Digital Summit meeting will discuss and plan for the future direction of digital library and cultural heritage initiatives in North Carolina. They will discuss their institution's goals, and will collectively discuss shared goals

and opportunities for collaboration as they concern digital services and objects. A facilitator will provide structure and keep the conversations on track and moving forward. The facilitator will also pull the outcomes from the Digital Summit together in a report that will not only be shared with library and other cultural institutions across North Carolina, but will also influence the Library Services and Technology Act Plan for the next five years for the State Library of North Carolina.

Grant Category: **Statewide Leadership Program**

Institution/Library: **State Library of North Carolina, Library Development**

Abstract::

The Edge Initiative Project supports libraries in making strategic decisions concerning their public access technology services and infrastructure in order to align library services with local community needs. The platform includes an assessment, self-created action guide, recommended steps to meet action items, communication tools and online training. Over the last two years, the North Carolina State Library has offered the Edge Initiative to all North Carolina Public Libraries with all but two libraries participating by completing at least one assessment and 73% of libraries completing both assessments. In both years, the assessment identified strategy and evaluation, devices and bandwidth, and technology inclusiveness as areas needing improvement. The Edge Assessment data provides an excellent tool for evaluation alongside a framework for improvement. However, additional training is needed to ensure Public Libraries fully understand and are able to use the full Edge toolkit and software effectively beyond the assessment tool. A lack of this additional support and training has reduced the effectiveness of the Edge Program within North Carolina. To address this issue, Library Development will provide targeted training, presentations, develop best practices, and guide Public Libraries in order to fully understand and effectively utilize the Edge toolkit.

Grant Category: **Statewide Leadership Program**

Institution/Library: **State Library of North Carolina, Library Development**

Abstract::

LSTA Five Year Plan Evaluation. The purpose of this project is to acquire the services of a contractor with expertise in assessment and digitization, and previous experience in LSTA Five Year Plan Evaluation, to carry out an evaluation of North Carolina's 2013-2017 LSTA Five Year Plan that is comprehensive and representative of all libraries eligible for this program.

Grant Category: **Statewide Leadership Program**

Institution/Library: **State Library of North Carolina, Library Development**

Abstract::

NC Cardinal was conceptualized in July 2010 as an LSTA-funded project. Its mission is to provide North Carolina residents with greater access to North Carolina resources by providing the tools, framework and expertise necessary to administer a common, online catalog, share catalog items among Member Libraries and expand opportunities for optimization of cost efficiencies and collaborative collection development. This application requests funding for the project's fifth year as NC Cardinal Staff develop strategies and procedures to transition the project to a self-sustaining entity.

Grant Category: **Statewide Leadership Program**

Institution/Library: **State Library of North Carolina**

Abstract::

Staff Development. This project provides State Library staff with opportunities to participate in continuing education that expands knowledge, builds competencies, and

reinforces commitment to excellence in service delivery. By taking advantage of a variety of continuing education choices, an engaged and productive staff will develop the expertise required for a rapidly changing digital world and the skills needed to effectively address current and future shifts in library service priorities.

Grant Category: **Statewide Leadership Program**

Institution/Library: **State Library of North Carolina, Library Development**

Abstract::

The Young Services Programming Project advances literacy and academic performance by engaging youth of all ages in reading and reading-related activities.

Tools and resources for public libraries are provided in order to expand library services, improve access to library materials and encourage youth to become

lifelong library users. This project follows current research, trends, and evaluates North Carolina youth programming. It seeks to create and promote partnerships within a library's community. This project also encompasses the Summer Reading program which seeks to mitigate the effects of summer learning loss for school-age youth.

Grant Category: **Statewide Leadership Program**

Institution/Library: **State Library of North Carolina, Library Development**

Abstract::

LSTA Administration - This project funds the majority of LSTA administrative costs incurred by the State Library.