LSTA Grants Abstracts & Awards 2015-2016

Grant Category: **EZ Digitization**

Institution/Library: **Appalachian Regional Library**

Award: $25,000

Abstract:
Digital Watauga will permanently digitize Watauga County's remaining visual and documentary history and make these materials accessible online.

Grant Category: **EZ Digitization**

Institution/Library: **Wake Forest University, Z. Smith Reynolds Library**

Award: $15,235

Abstract:
This project will digitize archival material that is part of the North Carolina Baptist Historical Collection at Wake Forest University. Nearly 100 linear ft. of original archival records (dating back to the 18th century) belonging to 120 churches throughout North Carolina will be made available as part of the Z. Smith Reynolds Library's online Baptist Collection.

Grant Category: **EZ Digitization**

Institution/Library: **Winston-Salem State University**

Award: $25,000

Abstract:
This project will digitize and provide online access to 10,000 still images and 40 films which cover an extended period of the university's history and range of activities. The scope of this collection represents a time of immense growth and change for the university and local community and contains images related to campus events, guest presentations and performances and classroom scenes as well as individual images of students and faculty. The Black Panther Party images of activities and candid photographs of many members significantly extend the value of these collections.

Grant Category: **EZ Innovation**

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

Award: $22,594

Abstract:
Design Camp will be a summer teen's program and collaboration between the Forsyth County Public Library and the UNC Center for Design Innovation in Winston-Salem. The program leverages a project-based approach to building a foundation in critical thinking and to empower teens to become more participatory, experiential, and experimental in their learning. Design Camp will provide a meaningful innovative experience to teens who will learn the building blocks of design thinking, add skill sets to their figurative Maker's toolkit, build confidence to try new things, develop an awareness of the role of the maker/innovator in society, and recognize that they are part of a collaborative and innovative community.

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

Institution/Library: **Alamance County Public Libraries**
Award: $49,980

Abstract:
The Alamance County Public Libraries will partner with Alamance Community College to address the literacy needs of library patrons and increase the accessibility of literacy services in our community. We will provide individualized help for patrons using computers as well as structured classes to teach computer skills.

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

Institution/Library: **Braswell Memorial Library**

Award: $7,828

Abstract:
The library telescope project will be a self-directed, science based, recreational activity for members of our community. This project supports a strong partnership with the Children's Science Museum at the Imperial Center in Rocky Mount by collaborating with the Cummins Planetarium to make astronomy more accessible for the public through regularly scheduled educational sessions and admission for those want to learn more about navigating the stars with the telescopes. Planetarium staffers will host a star gazing party on the library lawn and the Tar River Astronomy Club will conduct a library program on the history of telescopes and provide information about making a telescope.

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

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

Award: $45,169

Abstract:
The Caswell County Public Library (CCPL) will partner with the Piedmont Community College (PCC) Career Center to provide free employment related classes, training and resources for our community. This project will enable patrons to have a better understanding of the services offered by the Career Center and community college, as well as help patrons realize that the services are available to everyone, despite income, educational level, or skills. In addition, patrons will have improved employment skills through classes offered to provide general knowledge and assistance with computers, using the internet, job searching, preparing resumes and cover letters, interview skills, and employment resources.

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

Institution/Library: **Catawba County Library**

Award: $20,495

Abstract:
Catawba County Library will create a dedicated digital learning space called TechConnect to provide equitable access to technologies that enrich and improve lives through open access to information, communication, and technology services. Users at TechConnect will explore and learn about a variety of cutting edge technologies, improve their digital literacy, and obtain real world experience with professional design and engineering tools. The Western Piedmont Council of Governments will partner with the library by sending a career specialist to work at the library twice a week and the library will draw on local engineering expertise through a partnership with the Manufacturing Solutions Center to offer access to professional tools, software applications and training. TechConnect will be home to state of the art computers offering both a Windows and Apple experience. These computers will have engineering and design software as well as various programs to facilitate the creation of digital content. Users will have access to digital video cameras, a 3D scanner, 3D printer and a digital cutter for fabric, vinyl and paper.

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

Institution/Library: **Central Carolina Community College**

Award: $49,544

Abstract:
Central Carolina Community College (CCCC) serves three counties, each equipped with their individual library spaces; however, the Harnett County Campus's library technology resources are

noticeably lacking in comparison to those found at the Lee and Chatham Campus libraries. This project will update and expand the resources at the Harnett County location to give those students equal access to learning technologies. This project addresses two needs identified in an LSTA funded planning grant: (1) reclaiming an existing, unused space in the library to establish a computer lab, and (2) transforming a study suite at the Harnett Health Sciences Center into a student-accessible computer/printing area. These updates will give Harnett County students equal access to library technologies and information resources, cultivate lifelong learning opportunities, and enhance information literacy on the Harnett County Campus.

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

Institution/Library: **Charlotte Mecklenburg Library**

Award: $17,200

Abstract:
The Mobile Studios project will deploy Studio i multimedia throughout Charlotte Mecklenburg Library's 20 locations to provide readily available technology and specialized resources that meet the information needs of the county's residents. The Mobile Studios complements existing resources and directly addresses the digital divide in Mecklenburg County. The hands-on, inquiry based interactions of the Mobile Studios translate to workforce development and digital literacy proficiency that will resonate with customers of all ages.

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

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

Award: $35,813

Abstract:
This family-oriented project provides improved access to health resources, digital information and health related programs for children and their families. Through creative programming, improvements to the library's collection and convenient access to information, this project improves customers' ability to further their family's health and wellness, helps them to discover information and to obtain information resources.

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

Institution/Library: **Durham County Library**

Award: $25,000

Abstract:

This project will improve technology literacy for all ages by fostering improved opportunities for participants to become gainfully employed and achieve academic or vocational training success. Adults (ages 16 and older) will receive basic computer training, help with resume writing and job searching skills, and training for different careers. Children (grades 4-6) and teens (grades 7-12) will learn STEAM skills in a fun, low-pressure environment. Participants will be able to check out MiFi and specialized eCollections in order to continue their work at home, and will have access to assistance in purchasing or building a personal computer.

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

Institution/Library: **Gaston College**

Award: $17,159

Abstract:

The Makerspace Lab will bring 3-D printing and scanning technology to students in a learning-centered environment where they are encouraged to imagine and explore ways to utilize these technologies in their programs of study. Using an existing space, the library will create a Makerspace lab area where small groups or individuals can be trained in new technology and be given the opportunity to work independently or in collaboration with other students as they utilize these technologies in their coursework.

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

Institution/Library: **Gaston County Public Library**

Award: $14,100

Abstract:

The Teen Tech Club will be a monthly meeting of local teens who are eager to hone their analytical thinking skills with the use of Gaston County Public Library's technology devices and meeting space. The library will purchase hardware, software, applications, and accessories needed to provide community youth with exposure to a variety of creative and scientific processes. This project will include regular technology programming for teens in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. This program will foster the support and confidence teens require for integration of current and future technologies into their educational and career goals.

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

Institution/Library: **Henderson County Public Library**

Award: $7,504

Abstract:

The Henderson County Public Library, Pardee Hospital, Park Ridge Health, and the Henderson County Department of Public Health will partner together to offer the Babies into Books Project, a project designed to encourage new parents in the county to start reading to their babies at birth, connect with resources to teach them how to help their babies develop early literacy skills, and bring them into the library to find books, programs, and information to help them prepare their babies to become future readers. Every baby that is born in one of these two hospitals will receive a Babies into Books early literacy kit that will include information about early literacy, community resources for new parents, a board book for them to share immediately with their baby, and a coupon to bring into their closest Henderson County library branch to receive a second book. Expectant parents who attend a prenatal class at one of the hospitals or at the county health department will hear a short early literacy presentation given by a trained librarian. These activities are designed to help increase the number of our county's children who enter kindergarten ready to read.

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

Institution/Library: **Iredell County Public Library**

Award: $10,420

Abstract:

The Troutman Library branch will create a Career & Technology Lab with 7 laptops, a charging cart, Microsoft Office software, and printing supplies and materials. The Library will partner with Goodwill Industries of Northwest North Carolina to provide a sequence of three classes that will be offered each month: Job Readiness, Interviewing & Soft Skills, and What's Next. Computer classes will be taught by trained library staff and trained volunteers. This project improves services to adults ages 18 to 65+ by providing the library users with more opportunities to continue on a journey of lifelong learning and literacy and increasing their knowledge and understanding of basic computer skills, improving their resume writing and job searching skills, and empowering these library users to improve their employment circumstances.

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

Institution/Library: **Lee County Library**

Award: $23,434

Abstract:

Lee County Library will participate in a partnership with Lee County NCWorks Career Center to assist jobseekers by providing computer training to improve skills that will help jobseekers find gainful employment, bridging the digital divide that currently exists.

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

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

Award: $50,000

Abstract:

The Lincoln County Public Library will develop Maker Programs to promote literacy, inspire creativity, and incorporate science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematic (STEAM) components. The project will establish designated Multimedia Maker Spaces that will be available to patrons outside the times of scheduled programs and will acquire Stop Motion stations, multimedia content creation technology and software, and robotic modules from LEGO and littleBits electronic circuits. The Library will partner with Lincoln County 4-H to provide robotic programs based on their junk drawer robotics curriculum.

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

Institution/Library: **Neuse Regional Library**

Award: $50,000

Abstract:

The Neuse Regional Library System will implement additional early education options for its young patrons in an appealing and user-friendly interface by providing sixteen (16) AWE devices with accompanying furniture and accessories. The Library will enhance story times and other programming to improve childhood literacy by utilizing an interactive white board. This project will result in an additional 672 hours of educational software availability to library patrons per week, or 34,944 hours per year. This will have an enormous impact on the early learning experiences of children across all three counties served by the Library System.

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

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

Award: $27,882

Abstract:

The Youth Services department will respond to patron requests for library technology targeting youth and their families by acquiring five internet access computers, five early literacy iPads, and five

school-age iPads for public use. This project will provide a way for children to work on school projects, access the library's online resources, and explore personal areas of interest. Early literacy iPads, targeting children ages two to six and their caregivers, will extend our current emphasis of Every Child Ready to Read (ECRR) by offering preselected, age-appropriate apps that promote the five ECRR practices of reading, talking, singing, writing and playing. The school-age iPads, targeting children ages seven to twelve, will offer apps that support high interest STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) topics and support common school projects. Both iPad collections will be integrated into youth programming in ways that expand our emphasis on creativity, collaboration and problem-solving.

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

Institution/Library: **Public Library of Johnston County & Smithfield**

Award: $43,200

Abstract:

The Public Library of Johnston County and Smithfield will establish literacy centers focused on adults in strategic locations throughout Johnston, Harnett and Sampson counties. Working with our partner institutions, those using our centers will have easy access to student and teacher materials, and to computers to assist with enhancing their sessions.

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

Institution/Library: **Queens University, Everett Library**

Award: $9,190

Abstract:

Everett Library will use mobile technology by creating a dedicated video editing station using the latest industry standard video composition software. Students will develop creative work that will be displayed on the library website, shared with friends and family, and form part of their portfolio as they enter professional life.

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

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

Award: $50,000

Abstract:

Robeson County Public Library will expand library services and resources to reach the Hispanic population in our county. Through local partnerships, the library will emphasize family and parenting

skills, health and wellness, and literacy in twelve bilingual programs with information displays, bilingual AWE Early Literacy Stations, and upgrading the bilingual and Spanish collections.

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

Institution/Library: **Rutherford County Library**

Award: $9,500

Abstract:

Rutherford County Library will create a Makerspace to provide patrons an opportunity to participate in technological and artistic activities that they would not have access to elsewhere in the community. The Makerspace will include a 3D printer, weaving and knitting looms, media converters, camera equipment, a portable green screen, robotics, building sets, and art supplies. The library will provide hands-on workshops and one-on-one classes for all ages to demonstrate the use of the different equipment.

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

Institution/Library: **University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Jackson Library**

Award: $15,901

Abstract:

This outreach project is designed to meet a strong interest amongst educators in incorporating primary documents into curriculum development and instruction. A 2014 survey of middle school and high school teachers in the counties surrounding the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG) revealed that educators had little to no access to archival collections within their respective schools or local public libraries. Recognizing this growing educational need and the limited resources teachers have for field trips, Special Collections and University Archives (SCUA) at UNCG is currently piloting a program that brings archivists and collections into the classroom. Working with educators and their specific learning goals, UNCG staff will customize instructional sessions to include topics such as: information literacy, archival research, analysis of physical documents, and assessment of digital collections. This program strives to promote a deeper understanding of local history, research, library usability, as well as foster lifelong learning.

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

Institution/Library: **Western Carolina University, Hunter Library**

Award: $48,524

Abstract:

Hunter Library at Western Carolina University will enhance the development of our student's digital literacy skills by creating a digital scholarship lab with multimedia software, 3D printers, and scanning stations.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

Institution/Library: **Bennett College, Holgate Library**

Award: $38,797

Abstract:

The Library will hire a consultant to direct a strategic planning project involving community stakeholders to plan for the ever changing library needs of the college community. The community needs assessment will involve faculty, staff, students, alumnae, Board of Trustees, College administration, library friends and others deemed necessary to clearly identify key community library issues. Upon completion we will use the data to formulate a new mission focused on the current needs and a renewed vision for the future.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

Institution/Library: **Braswell Memorial Library**

Award: $21,845

Abstract:

Braswell Memorial Library will hire a consultant to facilitate a strategic planning process that will result in a community needs assessment and a five year strategic program / service plan for the library. The library will focus on the feasibility of creating a county library system and study the steps needed to optimize that endeavor. The planning process will look for gaps in the library's existing services and explore ways to optimize our resources to improve existing services.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

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

Award: $21,250

Abstract:

In cooperation with library staff, the board of trustees, and planning committee members, a professional consultant will lead the effort to plan, develop, and implement a community-based planning process.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

Institution/Library: **Central Piedmont Community College**

Award: $49,200

Abstract:

The Central Piedmont Community College Library will conduct a strategic planning project to assess current operational policies, procedures, services, and determine the best strategies to meet current and future user needs. The planning project will result in comprehensive strategic and operational plans detailing the library's mission, vision, goals, and values as they relate to short- and long-term priorities in providing services and resources to patrons.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

Institution/Library: **Fontana Regional Library**

Award: $25,127

Abstract:

Fontana Regional Library will work with a consultant, using techniques suggested through the Library Edge Initiative, to engage the community in the development of its next Long Range Plan. This process includes meeting with representatives from local community organizations to be sure we are reaching non-users as well as current users of the library.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

Institution/Library: **Guilford College, Hege Library**

Award: $29,920

Abstract:

This project will develop a comprehensive technology plan in the support of Hege Library's strategic plan, Hege Library Strategic Directions, 2014-2017: The Library as "Academic Commons,". The technology plan will support an informed, efficient, and fiscally responsible approach to the design of an enhanced and technology-enriched library learning environment, supporting creativity, innovation, and experimentation. This will enrich students' learning experiences and promote their academic excellence and success.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

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

Award: $42,625

Abstract:

New Hanover County Public Library will gather experts and provide opportunities for various groups of stakeholders to share ideas to develop a shared vision for the future of libraries. A symposium series, "People, Place, and Platform: Libraries in the 21st Century," supported by modes of idea exchange ranging from traditional roundtable discussions to current social media platforms, will engage library staff and administration, citizens, administrators, board members, elected officials, and other stakeholders in the collaborative development of this shared vision. Talking points derived from the shared vision, made available to libraries across North Carolina, will strengthen our ability to identify priorities for the development of future library services and to articulate and justify the continuing relevance of libraries.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

Institution/Library: **North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics**

Award: $5,205

Abstract:

The purpose of this project is to plan a historical digitization project that will make resources publicly available online and will become an ongoing, organic project chronicling the future of this iconic institution that is richly intertwined with the educational heritage of the state.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

Institution/Library: **Polk County Public Library**

Award: 27,872

Abstract:

Through community input and the assistance of a consultant, Polk County Public Library will create a strategic plan for library services informed by identified service priorities. The library will examine internal operations and plan ways to increase capacity and improve infrastructure to ensure that the library's resources are most effectively leveraged to meet community needs.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

Institution/Library: **Rutherford County Library**

Award: $25,992

Abstract:

The Rutherford County Library will contract with a consultant to conduct an assessment of current services and strategically identify priorities for increasing alignment between what the library offers and what citizens need. The result of this study will be a relevant long-range strategic plan for Rutherford County Library to operate from for the next five years.

Grant Category: **EZ Planning**

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

Award: $45,050

Abstract:

Sandhill Regional Library System will hire a consultant to develop a strategic plan in response to the five counties' residents needs and desires for library services. The consultant will conduct an evaluation of current services and identify priority goals. The outcome of this study will be a current five-year strategic plan, a vision statement and new mission statement reflecting the library community that will better align library service to all people in the communities served.

Grant Category: **Project Access & Digitization**

Institution/Library: **Catawba County Library**

Award: $72,624

Abstract:

This RFID project will increase library customers' access to library holdings by utilizing technology that has demonstrated effectiveness in helping to track inventory and increase work efficiencies. RFID technology will also help to improve customer service by reducing customer "wait" times and allowing staff to focus on giving more personal service to meet customers' needs.

Grant Category: **Project Access & Digitization**

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

Award: $100,000

Abstract:

The library will contract with a leading expert on User Experience (UX) to conduct a top-to-bottom UX audit of the library's physical and virtual experiences. This will provide a greater understanding of what barriers to access our current and future users might encounter and identify areas for improvement. The goal of the project is to improve access for all by creating physical and virtual

experiences that are useful, usable, and desirable to those who use us now and those who will access us in the future.

Grant Category: **Project Access & Digitization**

Institution/Library: **Charlotte Mecklenburg Library**

Award: $100,000

Abstract:

The Charlotte Mecklenburg Library will connect and interact with patrons - via an app installed on their smart phones - as they enter and move about a physical branch. This will be achieved by the design and develop of a native mobile app for the iOS platform and outfitting two Library locations with iBeacon technology that will allow these technologies to enhance the patron experience.

Grant Category: **Project Access & Digitization**

Institution/Library: **Cleveland County Library**

Award: $62,355

Abstract:

The Cleveland County Library System and Mauney Memorial Library continuously work to ensure a uniform user experience across the consortium. The implementation of RFID technology will improve our customer's circulation transactions, as well as security of the Library's collections so that customers have access to materials when they need them.

Grant Category: **Project Access & Digitization**

Institution/Library: **East Carolina University, Joyner Library**

Award: $59.200

Abstract:

This project will convert collection guides for the Laupus History Collections, which consist of over 6,200 monographs, 200 artifacts, and a growing number of oral history materials, that document the history of medicine and health care in eastern North Carolina. The guides will be transcribed from Word documents and Excel spreadsheets into Encoded Archival Description (EAD) finding aids using Archivists' Toolkit, thus making all collection guides and inventories available online. In addition, MARC catalog records will be created for the collections and contributed to Symphony (our local catalog) and WorldCat. The final step of the project will be to digitize key materials from Laupus History Collections that are representative of the holdings.

Grant Category: **Project Access & Digitization**

Institution/Library: **Fontana Regional Library**

Award: $86,200

Abstract:

This RFID project will provide library patrons with easy and convenient access to the collection and allow them to self-check their materials.

Grant Category: **Project Access & Digitization**

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

Award: $98,997

Abstract:

"Better Living in North Carolina: Bringing Science and Technology to the People," is a two-year project to increase user discoverability of primary source materials on agricultural extension programs 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. These high-demand resources are currently available for research in Raleigh and Greensboro, but there are distance and format barriers to accessibility. This project will scan, describe, and create a full text index, through optical character recognition (OCR). Up to 511,631 digital objects from reports, correspondence, pamphlets, photographs, scrapbooks, and other archival materials will be made available in a single online access point in which library users, North Carolina citizens, and researchers throughout the world can access these important historical materials.

Grant Category: **Project Access & Digitization**

Institution/Library: **University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Atkins Library**

Award: $100,000

Abstract:

Atkins Library Special Collections at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte seeks to continue its digitization project, Living Charlotte: The Postwar Development of a New South City. Partnering with Johnson C. Smith University's James B. Duke Memorial Library (in year 2 of the project) and the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library's Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room, Atkins Library is digitizing, in total for this 3-year project: 130 audio oral history recordings; 9000 pages of bound print materials; and 39,200 pages/images of manuscript materials, including photographs and oversized items such

as maps, aerial photographs and scrapbooks, in order to make accessible online the materials documenting the enormous economic and social changes in the Charlotte region from approximately 1944 to 1987.

Grant Category: **Project Access & Digitization**

Institution/Library: **Western Carolina University, Hunter Library**

Award: $82,813

Abstract:

Hunter Library at Western Carolina University is collaborating with two of the region's most prestigious collecting institutions: the archives of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP) and North Carolina's Western Regional Archives (WRA) to create Great Smoky Mountains: A Park for America, a digital archive focused on the history of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The digital collection will contain over 6,000 items organized into an accessible and searchable database. Collections to be digitized include selected papers and photographs from the Appalachian National Park Association, North Carolina Park Commission, Great Smoky Mountains Conservation Association, Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), and the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club. The collection also features the efforts of individuals like Horace Kephart, Jim Thompson, and Albert "Dutch" Roth who were early promoters of the park. Established in 1934, the park is world renowned for the diversity of its plant and animal life, the beauty of its landscape, and the endurance of the region's mountain culture.

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

Institution/Library: **Durham County Library**

Award: $74,200

Abstract:

"Teen Tech Learning Lab – Where Science and Imagination Collide!" will expand teen program and service offerings that reinforce STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts/Design and Mathematics) topics through structured hands-on projects and real life scenarios utilizing resources and technology. The Lab will inspire young adults to learn, invent, create, build, and research utilizing tablets, DSLR cameras, audio recorders, laptops, online tutorial services with live tutors, and various other digital devices. Field trips and special events will be organized for teens, especially those from low-wealth and underserved communities, to experience STEAM-related activities and explore related career options. Program sessions will take place afterschool, on weekends, as well as over the summer. The addition of a special collection of specifically targeted teen/young adult

STEAM resources will also play a pivotal role in providing access to research materials filled with the latest information for their use.

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

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

Award: $100,000

Abstract:

This project will provide continued services to underserved communities by circulating books and materials and providing access to technology through computer learning classes through a mobile library.

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

Institution/Library: **Mauney Memorial Library**

Award: $50,109

Abstract:

Mauney Memorial Library, the Kings Mountain Main Street Department and Kings Mountain Economic Development and Planning department have partnered together to assist microenterprise businesses with learning so that they are successful in the 21st century marketplace. Through the grassroots outreach efforts of a technology savvy librarian, business owners in Kings Mountain will develop the confidence, skills, abilities, and knowledge of services and people who can help their business be successful.

Grant Category: **NC Cardinal Migration**

Institution/Library: **Alexander County Library**

Award: $20,768

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: **Henderson County Public Library**

Award: $58,189

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: **Iredell County Public Library**

Award: $41,578

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: **Public Library of Johnston County & Smithfield**

Award: $54,762

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:

This project is for 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 community college system offers a unique environment for understanding the broad impact of libraries on successful information literacy and lifelong learning because there are fifty-eight institutions that reflect different enrollment sizes, multiple funding and

organizational formulas, and there are at least two examples of public library-community college partnerships. The project research will be completed by a nationally known research group and it is believed that the impact of the study will be far reaching as it may establish a national baseline for community college assessment that can be replicated nationwide.

Grant Category: **Special Project**

Institution/Library: **North Carolina Library Association**

Abstract:

NCLA Leadership Institute - The Leadership Institute will continue to foster leadership development opportunities for librarians and library staff across North Carolina. This model provides a forum for library leaders from North Carolina and leadership experts in the industry to facilitate a quality leadership development experience, which is affordable to libraries within the state. Participants are active beyond the initial institute with individual project development and execution which is presented and shared to the association at large.

Grant Category: **Special Project**

Institution/Library: **North Carolina Digital Heritage Center**

Abstract:

This project supports civic engagement, information access, and lifelong learning by increasing awareness of and access to local and family history materials in cultural heritage institutions statewide. Through its digitization, digital publishing, and consulting services, the Digital Heritage Center makes it easy and convenient for North Carolina libraries, archives, and museums to share selections from their rare and unique collections online.

Grant Category: **Statewide Leadership Program**

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

Abstract:

The @NCResources project will digitize 60,000 pages of publications relating to North Carolina not digitized elsewhere, including North Carolina state government publications and other materials. Materials will be prioritized based on feedback from users of the Government & Heritage Library, users of the North Carolina Digital Collections, North Carolina state agencies, and staff. Items will be made available via the North Carolina Digital Collections. 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. The project will also include continued testing of the Preservica digital preservation system to determine whether it is a viable option to provide preserve

digital publications in order to provide ongoing access to them and other state government information into the future.

Grant Category: **Statewide Leadership Program**

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

Abstract:

21st Century Libraries

Libraries must transform their service model to meet the expectations of their 21st century communities. This project will help libraries work together and with their communities to build a compelling online and/or mobile environment that will enhance their operations through technologies, tools, resources and training. This project will provide expertise and digital leadership to make sure NC Libraries are using the latest technologies to streamline their workflows. North Carolinians will think of their libraries first for their digital content needs whether they need e-books, video, or educational resources.

Grant Category: **Statewide Leadership Program**

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

Abstract:

Building the Bench

The purpose of this project is to support professional development opportunities for North Carolina library staff, in order to improve services and resources for current or future library users. This project will support scholarships for travel and registration for NC library staff to relevant regional, state, and national conferences. Each person funded will identify the benefit of their conference experience to their agency and library users upon their return. This project will also support continuing education workshops presented by the State Library. The content of these in person workshops and self-directed learning will be planned and managed by the Continuing Education Consultant.

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Abstract:

Digital Strategies

North Carolinians will have access to library information and resources that exceeds their expectations both from within the library walls and from within the virtual library. The Consultant for

Digital Strategies will partner with leaders in digitization, access and preservation including the Digital Heritage Center, and the Digitization Team at the State Library to develop a statewide vision and strategic plan for the digitization, accessibility, and preservation of the valuable content held in NC library collections. This project will work with State Library consultants to assess the digital environment, develop a plan, and complete action steps, with a target of all of the 80 public libraries developing and deploying a digital strategy plan by September 2017.

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Abstract:

NC Cardinal

NC Cardinal's mission is to provide North Carolina residents with greater access to North Carolina resources. Specifically, NC Cardinal fulfills its mission by providing the tools, framework and expertise necessary to provide North Carolina residents with greater access to North Carolina resources. Member Libraries agree to share a common, online catalog with the purpose of sharing resources and expanding opportunities for optimization of cost efficiencies and collaborative collection development. The consortium complements and expands a single library's resource collection, reducing the need to spend dollars on items that are readily obtainable from another consortium library member. The consortium is also building the foundation for all public libraries within North Carolina in terms of data sharing via MARC standards. Standardization of catalog records is vital to sharing within and outside the consortium, providing the future capability to link different, distinct cataloging systems.

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Abstract:

NC Knows, Virtual Reference - This project is a collaborative effort of the State Library along with public and academic libraries in North Carolina to provide access to information services anytime and anywhere. Libraries contribute to the cooperative by responding to contacts from patrons during normal library hours, while a contractor provides back-up and after-hours coverage during the remaining hours.

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Abstract:

NC Regional Libraries Assessment

The goal of this project is for the regional library directors to determine and be able to articulate the impact of the leveraging of resources, staff and expertise that comes from providing library services in a regional library system. It will provide the libraries with shared best practices and be a forum where efficiencies can be discovered and communicated. The 12 Regional Library Directors will work with the Chief of Library Development to assess the current environment in which regional libraries in North Carolina are operating. They will examine their operating procedures, and their agreements in order to make recommendations to their governing bodies regarding best practices.

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Abstract:

Raising the Bar

This project will provide opportunities for conference attendance and participation in continuing education for State Library staff in their efforts to be knowledgeable, enthusiastic leaders for the NC library community. It will include staff attendance and participation in the NCLA conference, as well as other regional, state and national conferences.

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Abstract:

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