



NEVADA STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

2015 LSTA MINI-GRANTS

Ranked Order



The mini-grant category funds projects of \$5,000 or less. A maximum of \$50,000 is earmarked for these programs. The State Council on Libraries and Literacy endorses the ranked list of applications and the funds are granted at the direction of the State Library and Archives Administrator.

Mini-grants applications are reviewed by State Library and Archives staff and the State Library and Archives Administrator. As with full grant applications, the projects must be sound, must have a reasonable budget, must have a good evaluation component and the library must be able to accomplish the program in the time allotted. Below is the ranked order of the mini-grants received for the 2015 funding year. Funding of grants is contingent on the federal monies being allocated to the state.

Library	Mini-Grant Title	Funds Requested
Carson City Library	Building Habits of Mind(craft)	5,000
Carson City youth lack quality STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) out of school educational opportunities. Targeting 6 th -10 th grade youth of Carson City using resources from the awarded 2010 Broadband Technology Opportunities Program grant and this LSTA grant will support lifelong learning and digital literacy skills. Habits of Mind(Craft) will also help youth develop and sharpen marketable skills from teamwork / group work to basic computer programming skills.		
Honors Academy Library	Connecting Nevada's Authors, Illustrators....	4,500
The Liz Warner Library requests \$4,500.00 to fund nine authors' and illustrators' programs that will encourage reading; stimulate writing; foster artistic opportunities; elevate non-fiction content with real world application; and explore career path possibilities. To facilitate, the Academy's librarian, local public librarians, and faculty will collaborate, learn and then share everything about each creator's life and books with 425 students and 200 community readers. Websites, pre-visit materials, and actual books will ensure program attendees are familiar with the author's/illustrator's books. Attendance and circulation records will be maintained, and surveys will compare readers' attitudes before and after each author visit.		
Sierra Nevada College Library	3D Printing	5,000
Purchasing a 3D printer, 3D digitizer, and supplies for Prim Library at Sierra Nevada College would support our overall student curriculum, encouraging active learning and innovation. The addition of a 3D printer and digitizer in the library would facilitate learning and experimentation, particularly with entrepreneurship and science students. Science students have indicated the possibility of printing 3D watershed models from GIS information. Students in our required CORE 101 classes would have the opportunity to present innovative product ideas with the addition of 3D printed materials. Students and community would have the opportunity to learn and use the high-tech printing capability.		
Mineral County Library	Lights! Camera! Action!: media production	5,000
Libraries exist because people tell stories and people want to hear stories. Librarians are used to people reading books to "hear" stories, but as a young person recently said to me, a film is simply another medium for telling stories. It is a medium that has great appeal to young people. At Mineral County Library we are trying to help students succeed. A very important aspect of that help is offering digital literacy training to students. A camera package as part of existing media production capabilities offers an exciting way to reach students and train them for their bright futures.		

White Pine County Library	E-Books Access	1,270
<p>The White Pine County Library will participate in the Cooperative Libraries Automated Network (library consortium) to be able to provide the opportunity for our patrons to access e-books. By participating in the consortium the White Pine County Library can afford to offer access to e-books to find out what the real demand is for the e-books. The County Library does not have a large enough budget to move into the e-book program without doing it as part of a consortium. E-books are still relatively new to our patrons and therefore we see an opportunity of new users to pull into the library with adding the e-books.</p>		
Amargosa Valley Public Library	Little Steps Into Literacy	3,443
<p>School readiness or Early Literacy for children under five is part of our library's literacy goals within our master plan. The AWE Early Literacy Station will meet the requirements for literacy and school readiness in English and Spanish as well as introduction to technology that they may not have at home. We will create educational packets based off the programs on the station for children to use in the library or to take home reiterating core concepts.</p>		
Elko County Library	Digital Information Boards	3,960
<p>Using an intuitive and eye-catching digital photo frame as a digital information board, the Library System will engage and inform patrons and community members about local community and library events. The Library System will be more of a "hub" of information on local and library happenings.</p>		
Pershing County Library	Nevada Room	5,000
<p>The staff of Pershing County Library are requesting a \$5000 Mini-Grant to purchase signage and library materials. Staff members will purchase signs for the Nevada Room, replacement copies of materials that have been damaged or lost from the Nevada collection, as well as new materials of interest to patrons. Some materials by Nevada authors or about Nevada may also be purchased for the general collections. A speaker will be engaged to give a presentation to patrons on Nevada themes.</p>		
	TOTAL	\$33,173