



LSTA 2008 Mini-Grants

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Grant Period: April 1, 2008 – August 31, 2008

Antwerp Local School District, \$18,514, to purchase interactive technologies such as laptops, Classroom Performance System, and interactive whiteboard for use in information literacy training in the high school. Currently students find library research boring and monotonous. The use of interactive technologies will engage students and make library research more interesting and the library a more inviting place. Contact: Jean Detmon, detmon_j@aw.noacsc.org, 419.258.5421.

Carnegie Public Library of East Liverpool, \$20,110, to establish a Ready to Read initiative. The library will work closely with the five area Head Start locations and eight local preschools to identify parents. The presentations and trainings will occur at the Head Starts and preschools. Parents and caregivers will be trained in Ready to Read techniques and will be given materials to use at home with their children, as well as information about the Library. Contact: Kim Blevins, blevin_ski@yahoo.com, 330.385.2048, ext. 101.

East Guernsey Local School District, \$7,397, to increase students' information literacy and knowledge of research techniques. Six desktop computers and a SmartBoard will be purchased for the high school library. The librarian will conduct classes in the Internet and INFOhio databases to both students and teachers. Students will also use the computers to complete individual assignments and student projects. Contact: Nancy Kirkland, nancy.kirkland@omeresanet.net, 740.489.5005.

Marysville Public Library, \$10,849, to implement a Kindergarten Readiness Program of free literacy based activities and training for parents, caregivers, and young children in Union County. Parents and caregivers will be trained in using Every Child Ready to Read methods and materials and the children's librarian will use these techniques at all storytimes. Finally, the Library will create an Early Literacy Area with education activities and toys, an audio book listening station and Early Literacy computer stations. Contact: Ellen Mangine, emangine@marysvillelib.org 937.642.1876, ext. 24

Massillon Public Library, \$23,580, for the purchase of a wireless laptop lab consisting of 21 laptops. The wireless laptop lab will be used for staff and customer training. The primary use, however, will be for training of fourth and seventh grade students. The Library currently collaborates with the Massillon City Schools on a curriculum-support project. This lab will strengthen that program and will also allow the Library to pilot a Homework Center project for fifth and sixth grade students. Contact: Sherie Brown, brownsh@massillonlibrary.org, 330.832.9831, ext. 307.

Milan Berlin Township Public Library, \$7,322, for a "Marketing Makeover" project based on the Trading Spaces concepts. Slatwall panels and shelves, CD browsers, and plastic shelf markers with inserts will assist in marketing the collection by making items easy for patrons to locate. Comfortable spaces and seating will also be added in the children's area. Contact: Wendy Harper, wharper@milan-berlin.lib.oh.us, 419.588.2250.

Muskingum County Library System, \$16,275, for the purchase of a wireless laptop computer lab consisting of 15 laptops and appropriate software. The mobile computer lab will be used for computer training programs at the Library's six locations, the Muskingum County Center for Seniors and at the Muskingum County Head Start. Initial courses to be offered include basic computer use, basic Internet use, using the library catalog and placing requests on Ohio Libraries Share



MORE, and accessing and using library databases. Contact: Jim Boyd, jim@muskingumlibrary.org, 740.453.0391. ext. 121.

North Baltimore Public Library, \$15,794, to implement Trading Spaces concepts at the Library by increasing and modernizing seating throughout the library, adding Audio-Visual shelving, and adding effective signage. This project will redesign the look and feel of the Library, making it more inviting to users. Contact: Lesley McKinstry, mckinsle@oplin.org, 419.257.3621.

Pemberville Public Library, \$17,738, to create a vital and responsive environment for teens in the community. The Library will create a space devoted to teens with well-displayed materials, a place to study and work on technology projects and an area to socialize with friends. Contact: Jane Kohlenberg, pemlib@wcnet.org, 419.287.4012.

Rocky River City Schools, \$23,845, for the purchase of computers to be housed in a new library computer lab. The lab will be used to prepare students for college and for college level research by providing information literacy skills in all academic content areas. This is a collaboration project with the Rocky River Public Library and the Lorain Community College. Contact: Cherie Pandora, cerie_pandora@admin.rockyriver.k12.oh.us, 440.356.6825.

Ross Local School District, \$18,500, to purchase videoconference equipment for Ross High School's library media center. This project will improve teaching and learning by integrating the new library curriculum within other classroom disciplines. The library curriculum requests students to identify and utilize primary source information, much of which can be met through videoconference opportunities. Contact: Jayne Neufarth, ro_neufarth@swoca.net, 513.863.1252.

West Branch Local School District, \$11,706, to provide kindergarten students with improved access to library services and technology driven literacy instruction. Changes in scheduling allow for an additional 30 minutes of library instruction per week for kindergarten students. The purchase of additional computers, SmartBoards and library resources will allow the media center to implement a standards based kindergarten technology curriculum. Contact: Leigh Anne Amos Martin, wbra_lxm@access.k23.org, 330.938.4475.