

LSTA 2015 Snapshot

Avondale Library Collaborative Space Project

Project Contact	Denise Thurman	Amount	\$25,000.00
Library	Avondale Public Library	Grant Category	Community

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to create a flexible collaborative learning space that will encourage creative social interaction and a variety of learning styles, while reinforcing the library as a multi-use community hub. Funds will be used to purchase movable furnishings and partitions that will support varying group sizes and configurations, a modular workstation with touchscreen display and networking capabilities, and other collaborative and instructional materials for creative knowledge sharing. Community members will benefit by experiencing an adaptable social learning space that offers a variety of uses and functions, both formal and informal, while encouraging interaction, creativity, and collaboration.

Special Lending Items: Exploration, Recreation and Healthier Living

Project Contact	Alyssa Cooper	Amount	\$5,500.00
Library	Avondale Public Library	Grant Category	Collections

Project Summary

The goals of this project are to promote healthier living in Avondale and to expand the library's range of resources to include a collection of unique items which should promote an increase of interest in library services. Funds will be used to purchase special lending items such as fitness gear and gardening tools to add to the library's collection and to cover marketing expenses for promoting the items. Community members will benefit because library patrons and their children will have access to new materials at Avondale's libraries. Patrons will be able to check out special lending items geared toward exercise, outdoor recreation, and healthier living.

Mobile Laptop Lab - Coyote Branch

Project Contact	Jesse Simms	Amount	\$13,720.00
Library	Buckeye Public Library	Grant Category	Learning

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to provide information literacy classes and resources to the community served by the Coyote Branch of the Buckeye Public Library and the Buckeye community at large. These classes and trainings will be done with a Mobile Laptop Lab purchased with LSTA grant funds. The Coyote Branch is

located in the most densely populated area in Buckeye, making the Mobile Laptop Lab an invaluable resource that will benefit the community by offering hands-on lab training in basic to intermediate computer skills, information literacy, workforce development, and library digital resources.

Early Literacy Browser Bins Plus

Project Contact	Dianna Manasse	Amount	\$10,275.00
Library	Camp Verde Community Library	Grant Category	Collections

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to purchase new browser bins for the children's picture book collection for the early literacy corner in the new library building, to encourage young children to interact with library material, and to increase circulation. The current shelving is cluttered, is not space conscious, and can only display book spines. This makes it difficult for pre-readers to engage in the selection of materials. It is believed that shelving designed specifically to display books for infants and toddlers will entice them to browse the collection and become more engaged in literacy and lifelong learning.

Resources and Support for Families Facing Autism

Project Contact	Dianna Manasse	Amount	\$11,150.00
Library	Camp Verde Community Library	Grant Category	Community

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to support families in Camp Verde with a member on the autism spectrum and provide educators with new resources. This will be accomplished by collecting materials and tools, providing workshops, and forming a support group. The general community and community of educators will gain a greater understanding of the challenges surrounding autism and families will gain useful information and needed support. Funds will be used to train staff, to bring experts to Camp Verde to speak to the community and to purchase materials such as books, electronic resources, and sensory stations for the library.

ESL Class iPads

Project Contact	Deedee Davis	Amount	\$11,495.00
Library	Casa Grande Public Library	Grant Category	Collections

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to encourage adult English as a Second Language (ESL) speakers to, not only become proficient in the English language, but dually train them on the iPad to close the digital divide. The iPads will be used twice weekly in their four-hour classes to supplement ESL teaching. Funds will be used

to purchase iPads, specific applications to develop English proficiency, and storage and charging box. Community members will benefit because mastery of the English language is imperative to communicating in the United States and the knowledge of the technology will increase their skill set and familiarity with technology.

Makerspace

Project Contact	Julie Ann Andersen	Amount	\$21,670.00
Library	Casa Grande Public Library	Grant Category	Community

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to establish the Casa Grande Public Library (CGPL) Makerspace as a destination that will provide community members with the ability to access information in new ways through collaborative, hands-on learning and teaching opportunities in the areas of science, technology/multimedia, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM). Funds will be used to purchase equipment and supplies for STEAM-related experiences and for workshop presenters. Community members will benefit because the Makerspace will provide an environment for discovering new technology, tools, and ideas that support self-expression and the creation of original content, and for sharing acquired knowledge and skill sets through monthly community-led programs.

Interactive Children's Area: Enhancing Early Literacy at the Clifton Public Library

Project Contact	Sabrina Dumas	Amount	\$14,570.00
Library	Clifton Public Library	Grant Category	Learning

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to create a family friendly early learning area in the library. This area will be a comfortable, easy to use interactive space that includes toys and materials that encourage early literacy learning activities. Parents and caregivers will learn the importance of their role as their child's first teacher. Children will benefit from researched based practices that help them develop skills needed for lifelong learning and literacy. Funds will be used to purchase furniture and materials. The community will benefit because families will play and interact within the library environment and see the library as a resource for early literacy learning.

A Continuation of Digitizing the Eloy Enterprise Newspaper!

Project Contact Janet B Quackenbush **Amount** \$10,625.00
Library Eloy Santa Cruz Library **Grant Category** Collections

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to further develop entries to the website <http://eloy.advantage-preservation.com> of the Eloy Enterprise Newspaper, enter the first ten years of yearbooks from the Santa Cruz Valley High School and scan local historical photographs.

To digitize the Eloy Enterprise newspapers from 1990- finishing the project to current date, adding the high school yearbooks 1950-1959 and local historical photos from the Museum of Casa Grande. The project will expand the existing repository of digital imaging with local history into preservation quality that meets ANSI/AIIM standards. With this project, the past will be preserved for generations to come without losing history to deterioration.

Florence Community Library Cultural Programming Project

Project Contact Barbera Scoby **Amount** \$11,400.00
Library Florence Community Library **Grant Category** Community

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to provide opportunities for cultural engagement to the adults of the community, by offering a series of enriching cultural programs at the Florence Community Library.

Funds received for this project will be used to pay the fees and honorariums that are required to bring in speakers, performers, authors, and other presenters. Equipment -such as a portable stage and microphone - will also be paid for with LSTA funds. In addition, funds will be used to pay for advertising and promotional materials.

Community members will benefit because the programs in this project will expose them to a variety of cultural experiences, which allows a perfect opportunity for learning and personal growth.

Go Mobile @ Your Library

Project Contact Kristin Fletcher-Spear **Amount** \$41,789.00
Library Glendale Public Library **Grant Category** Learning

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to increase technology skills and digital literacy of patrons through providing tablet access and applications actively in library programs and within the youth departments of the three branches of the Glendale Public Library. Funds will be used to provide new technological learning opportunities for all ages through the purchase of age-appropriate tablets and equipment. The community members will benefit because the library will be offering technological opportunities previously unavailable

in its settings. The community will be given tablet access and programs to assist digital literacy with a focus on applications to improve quality of life, digital literacy, and technology skills.

Tell Your Story @ Your Library

Project Contact	Karen Margaret Reed	Amount	\$22,450.00
Library	Glendale Public Library	Grant Category	Community

Project Summary

The goal of Tell Your Story @ Your Library will be to provide creative storytelling opportunities for all ages at the three branches of the Glendale Public Library. Funding will be used to provide multiple storytelling mediums for the community to explore and enjoy. Telling a story through writing, the spoken word, through art projects, and through digital video are just a small sampling of opportunities that will be made available in this year-long series of programs, free and open to the public. The community will benefit by learning how to share their personal creative vision in the medium or mediums that best suit each individual and by experiencing an increased comfort level in sharing stories with an audience.

Greenlee County Historical Digitization and Preservation Project - Phase 2

Project Contact	Karen Soohy	Amount	\$3,000.00
Library	Greenlee County Library System	Grant Category	Collections

Project Summary

Phase 2 goal is to continue digitization/preservation and promotion of Greenlee County historical collections from communities, county, and libraries. This page has turned into a gateway for other internet resources by adding links as well as original materials. Phase 1 allowed for completing a portion of the project. Funds will be used to purchase metadata storage space, supplies and to promote the project within the county and across the internet. Community members will benefit by having access to view and research historical information and photos that were not widely available to the public prior to the project's inception.

New Media for Families of Young Children

Project Contact	Wendy Skevington	Amount	\$12,000.00
Library	Holbrook Public Library	Grant Category	Learning

Project Summary

The goals of this project are to promote early literacy, both digital and reading through the use of New Media formats and programming; Funds will be used to purchase 10 iPads, Apps, securing and charging mechanisms, headphones and furniture to facilitate the use of the iPads and Apps. Community children and

their families will benefit because they will have access at their library to tools and programs that will support early digital and reading literacy as well as help improve cooperative and critical thinking skills.

Little Hands, Big World

Project Contact	Kelly Norris	Amount	\$5,000.00
Library	Huachuca City Public Library	Grant Category	Learning

Project Summary

With this grant two library employees will be trained and certified to teach children, parents, and educators to use sign language. Sign language promotes expanded vocabularies and enhanced literacy skills across the board. The goal of this grant would be for children in the normal spectrum to attain higher literacy success with a basis in sign language and for significant improvement with developmentally delayed children as well.

Ready, Set, Go ... Kindergarten Here We Go!

Project Contact	Maria Mucino	Amount	\$9,075.00
Library	Maricopa County Library District	Grant Category	Learning

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to implement an early literacy and technology program, which will enhance the development of literacy skills among young children (3-6 years old) who have not had the opportunity to enroll in an early education setting. Funds will be used to acquire a Smart Table, and easel, and seating. Community members will benefit because the children in Guadalupe will have a technology-focused early literacy program that will help prepare them for kindergarten.

Oculus Rift Virtual Reality at Maricopa Public Library

Project Contact	Joyce Abbott	Amount	\$9,425.00
Library	Maricopa Public Library	Grant Category	Community

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to prepare youth for coursework and employment in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) while exposing Maricopa's population to technology that can teach and inspire. Funds will be used to purchase Oculus Rift headsets and complementary components & software. Maricopa Public Library and its partners will hold programs in Maricopa and throughout Pinal County. Community members will benefit because exposing youth to new technologies better prepares them for advanced STEM classes and allows them to gain technical knowledge useful in later employment.

Introducing the community to new technology will inspire people to apply virtual reality (VR) technology for business and artistic purposes, contributing to the economic and cultural development of Maricopa.

Nabi Big Tab Programs for All Ages at MEL

Project Contact	Kim Belair	Amount	\$16,000.00
Library	Mesa Public Library	Grant Category	Learning

Project Summary

This project's goal is to offer a variety of digitally-based programs for people of all ages starting September , utilizing supersized wall-mounted Android tablets ideally suited for group training and activities in a small, one-room library. Funds will be used to purchase two Nabi Big Tabs and their associated components, 10 compatible handheld Android tablets, 6 Nabi Dream Tabs, a charging cabinet, sectional modular seating, and a charging table for patron use. Community members will benefit because this technology and its associated programs will (1) build early literacy skills; (2) raise digital competence; (3) attract more patrons to the Mesa Public Library's newest branch; and (4) foster a love of learning, digital technology, and intellectual pursuits.

Early Digital Literacy

Project Contact	Davril F Alex	Amount	\$5,960.00
Library	Mohave County Library District	Grant Category	Learning

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to promote early digital literacy by incorporating iPads into story times at the library. Children – ages 3 to 8 – would have the opportunity to learn digitally by using reading, writing and singing apps. They would also be able to handle the devices and become familiar with them. Another aspect of this project is to teach the parents and caregivers how to use these devices and to promote the benefits of digital learning. Funds would be used to purchase iPads and Android devices, and those apps that would be most educational such as Endless Alphabet. Funds would also be used to purchase supplies such as an HD TV, Apple TV, and Google Chromecast. The benefits to the community would be children who are computer literate and who are ready for the 21st century. The library also plans to partner with community groups such as Parents as Teachers and the InterAgency Council of Lake Havasu.

Advancing Children’s Early Literacy Skills

Project Contact Geneva Durkee **Amount** \$17,152.00
Library Navajo County Library District **Grant Category** Collections

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to increase parents’ and caregivers’ reading time to children and build their early literacy skills. Funds will be used to purchase a variety of boardbooks, toddler books, easy readers, non-print and digital resources for fourteen libraries targeting birth to 8-year-olds. Some materials will be in “Book Bundles” of popular topics, giving quick and convenient choices of resources that enhance early literacy. Increasing the titles available will make it easy to promote the “1,000 Books before Kindergarten” and the “Read Aloud 15 Minutes” campaigns. Community members will benefit because these quality materials and participation in these programs will help to advance ready-for-reading development and school readiness skills needed for children to be successful.

A Voice for Young Authors

Project Contact Abbie Zeltzer **Amount** \$4,056.00
Library Patagonia Public Library **Grant Category** Learning

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to create a replicable early literacy program integrating Arizona English Language Arts and Visual Arts standards. Each Kindergarten through Second grade student will write, illustrate and publish two books to develop their literacy skills.

Funds will be used for Visual and Language Arts facilitators, Art Center fees, library and event publicity, and to enhance the children’s materials collection at the Patagonia Library.

Community members will benefit as youth develop the unconstrained skills of improving vocabulary and reading comprehension, and concurrently develop art techniques involving, line, shape, texture and color. Children will have increased options of library material to borrow. Families will benefit with increased knowledge of library services.

Youth Learning Lab(s) 101

Project Contact Beth Matthias-Loghry **Amount** \$70,000.00
Library Pima County Public Library **Grant Category** Community

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to expand upon Pima County Public Library’s learning lab for young adults. The “101” is the place for young adults wishing to take advantage of innovative learning opportunities that will

open up a world of possibilities. Funds will be used to purchase furniture, implement 21st century technologies, and expand college and career exploration facilitated in a peer mentor format. Community members will benefit by gaining access to cost prohibitive 21st century technologies and participating in real-world projects and activities that will lead to future employment. The “101” will work closely with Idea+Space business and career services center to implement programming that will serve as a bridge between exploration and the realization of new endeavors.

Maximizing Success: Community Analysis for Library Planning

Project Contact	Denise C. Keller	Amount	\$20,000.00
Library	Pinal County Library District	Grant Category	Community

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to enhance collections, programs, and services by acquiring in-depth, data-driven knowledge about behaviors and usage patterns in each of the consortia member public libraries in Pinal County. Funds will be used to secure the services of a reliable market research firm to perform community analysis through email, paper, phone, and in-person surveys. Community members will benefit because the data will be used to inform the decision making process for allocating funding for collections and services and to help each member library determine goals and future directions in their strategic plans.

Operation Digitization

Project Contact	Denise C. Keller	Amount	\$29,500.00
Library	Pinal County Library District	Grant Category	Community

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to provide Pinal County residents with access to digital conversion equipment: a technological service otherwise unavailable in Pinal County. Funds will be used to purchase digitization equipment and software that enable us to convert a variety of physical formats of photo, video, and audio items into digital files or an updated medium. Community members will benefit by having access to a service that not only enables them to enjoy their cherished memories again, but which is also not readily available in Pinal County. Additionally, offering new services will increase foot traffic in libraries and increase awareness of other library services.

Prescott Valley Cultural Events Series

Project Contact	Michele Hjorting	Amount	\$9,340.00
Library	Prescott Valley Public Library	Grant Category	Community

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to foster lifelong learning, raise cultural awareness, by providing more diverse programming at the Prescott Valley Public Library. These programs will highlight the diversity inherent in the town, county and state, as well as educate and inform the community of various international customs and traditions. By establishing community partnerships, the library will be able to provide quality programs that are both entertaining and educational, while anchoring the library as the heart of the town's cultural identity.

Measuring for Success

Project Contact	Kathy Coster	Amount	\$67,486.00
Library	Scottsdale Public Library	Grant Category	Learning

Project Summary

The goal of the proposed project is to examine the effectiveness of two library produced parent education programs focused on supporting the early learning of children ages 0-5 years under the auspices of researchers from the T. Denny Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics at Arizona State University. This work builds on a current partnership between the Scottsdale Public Library and ASU focused on improving parent education curriculum. Upon completion, the library will be able to produce evidence of the programs benefits for parent knowledge and skill. Additionally, youth services staff will be trained to successfully implement these programs and research evidence will be used to further refine them. Once an evidence-base is established, the programs Books Can... and Fun with Math and Science will be shared with other libraries statewide.

Get Recharged at the Library

Project Contact	Jeff Collins	Amount	\$8,090.00
Library	Show Low Public Library	Grant Category	Learning

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to expand library services to meet the educational needs of teenagers, ages 12 to 18. Funds will be used to purchase a subscription to an online tutoring service; mobile device charging stations; and furniture and décor to redesign the teen area and group study room. Community members will benefit because they will have access to an online homework help service and current technologies to increase their digital literacy skills.

Sewing Skills and Cosplay

Project Contact Rolf R Brown **Amount** \$3,950.00

Library Tempe Public Library **Grant Category** Learning

Project Summary

The goals of this project are to: provide teens and young adults sewing skills and access to sewing machines and related tools to create their own costumes; to offer classes in sewing skills and create additional interest in popular culture activities; and to advance STEAM skills for teens and young adults.

Read to Succeed - Prevent Reading Summer Slump

Project Contact Tracie Loveall **Amount** \$25,621.00

Library Yavapai County Free Library District **Grant Category** Learning

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to encourage children to read by providing updated materials, new digital tools, and an inviting learning atmosphere. Providing a colorful and relaxed children's space promotes a positive learning environment that will enhance opportunities for young children to feel safe and supported; which prompts reading success. The children's section will include new, attractive nonfiction and popular fiction materials, an interactive Smart Board for displaying the digital resource, Tumble Books, and comfortable furniture and colorful book displays. Summer reading programs and storytimes will involve the SMART board and Tumblebooks, and these tools will also be shared at specific literacy programs at the elementary school.

Touch N Learn

Project Contact Cecilia A Young **Amount** \$20,528.00

Library Yuma County Library District **Grant Category** Learning

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to: through collaboration between the Somerton and San Luis Branches of the Yuma County Library District (YCLD) and the Chicanos Por La Causa Somerton and San Luis Head Start programs, launch the "Touch N' Learn" Phase 2 project to improve Yuma County youth digital literacy for their future educational and career success. (September -May 2016)

Funds will be used to purchase: tablets, storage carts, marketing, supplies, travel, and furniture.

Community members will benefit because: an improvement in youth digital literacy skills will eventually contribute to the economic and social stability of Yuma County and the global society.