

## News Release

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### Special library projects build community

MADISON — Special projects that will bring mobile makerspaces to Milwaukee County branch libraries, create a Citizen Information Project to serve immigrants in Manitowoc, and enhance STEM skills for elementary students through a library system and school partnership were among 45 that received Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants for 2016.

State Superintendent Tony Evers recently approved LSTA subaward grants of \$736,542. Wisconsin receives \$2.7 million from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) as part of the federal, population-based Grants to States program that also supports statewide and system services.

“The LSTA program provides important funding to support projects that advance child and adult literacy, provide services to the unemployed and underemployed, and build community through creativity and learning activities for all ages,” Evers said. “Our strong public libraries make Wisconsin a great place to live.”

Competitive grant activities will run from April 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017. The state’s LSTA Advisory Committee reviewed grant applications and made recommendations for awards, grouped across broad priorities. Grant awards categories are:

**Accessibility** — More than \$89,000 to eight public libraries and public library systems;

**Digital Creation** — \$95,280 to nine projects, several which will be mobile;

**Digital Public Library of America (DPLA)** — \$50,000 to meet the minimum requirements of participation in the DPLA;

**Digitization of Local Materials** — \$9,280 to complete digitization for the Jefferson County Union and Hoard’s Dairyman magazine;

**Delivery Services** — \$90,000 to support the statewide delivery service backbone structure and delivery service to the libraries and library systems in the very northern part of the state;

**Library System Technology** — \$350,000 to support technology projects in 17 public library systems, including public Internet and wireless access;

**Literacy** — Almost \$50,000 for six projects that promote and demonstrate the role of public libraries in providing literacy services; and

**Merging Integrated Library Systems** — \$12,000 to support catalog sharing in the Lakeshore and Kenosha County library systems.

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**NOTES:** The full list of subaward grants is attached and abstracts of 2016 LSTA projects can be found online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/pld/lsta/16abstract>. This news release is available electronically at [http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2016\\_43.pdf](http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2016_43.pdf).

## Library Services and Technology Act

### Subgrant Awards – 2016

#### Accessibility

Arrowhead Library System, Accessible Early Literacy: Apps and Websites to Build Community in Rock County, \$15,000

Dane County Library Service, Library Outreach to Dane County Economic Assistance Participants, \$6,485

Indianhead Federated Library System, Unpacking the Complex Issues of Poverty: A Planning Grant, \$2,000

Kenosha Public Library, Kenosha Connects, \$15,928

Manitowoc Public Library, Manitowoc Public Library Citizenship Information Project, \$8,393

Manitowoc-Calumet Library System, Hearing Loops in Community Meeting Rooms, \$20,000

Northern Waters Library Service, Building Dementia Friendly Libraries in Northern Wisconsin, \$20,321

South Central Library System, Serving Job-seekers, the Jobless, and the Underemployed: A Planning Grant, \$1,000

#### Digital Creation

Arrowhead Library System, ALS Mobile Makerspace, \$6,388

Fond du Lac Public Library, Teacher Technology Kits, \$12,195

Frank B. Koller Memorial Library, Memory Project Studio, \$920

Grantsburg Public Library, STEAMPacs, \$1,729

Lakeshores Library System, LLS / KCLS Mobile Makerspace, \$16,710

McMillan Memorial Library, McMillan Media Studio, \$19,635

Milwaukee County Federated Library System, MKE Mixers Mobile Makerspace, \$16,816

Neenah Public Library, Neenah Laptop Project, \$8,880

Winding Rivers Library System, WRLS Mobile Media Conversion Lab, \$12,008

#### Digital Public Library of America Support

Outagamie Waupaca Library System, DPLA Participation Support, \$50,000

#### Digitization of Library Historical Material

Dwight Foster Public Library, Jefferson County Union and Hoard's Dairyman Digitization, \$9,280

#### Delivery Services

Northern Waters Library Service, NWLS Delivery Service, \$15,000

South Central Library System, Delivery Services - Wisconsin Libraries Delivery Network, \$75,000

#### Library System Technology

Arrowhead Library System, ALS Technology Projects 2016, \$9,600

Eastern Shores Library System, System Director, \$11,100

Indianhead Federated Library System, Technology and Design Director, \$34,000

Kenosha County Library System, 2016 KCLS Digital Resources, \$9,000

Lakeshores Library System, 2016 LLS Technology Projects, \$14,400

Manitowoc-Calumet Library System, Internet Service Costs, \$8,400

Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System, 2016 Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Application 2015, \$12,556

Milwaukee County Federated Library System, Library System Technology, \$36,900

Nicolet Federated Library System, Telecommunication Support for NFLS OWLSnet Libraries, \$28,400

Northern Waters Library Service, NWLS Technology and Database Project, \$23,700

Outagamie Waupaca Library System, Support for OWLSnet Data Circuits, \$13,800

South Central Library System, 2016 Public Library System Technology, \$42,900

Southwest Wisconsin Library System, SWLS 2016 Technology Projects, \$14,100

Waukesha County Federated Library System, Evanced Solutions, \$22,400

Winding Rivers Library System, Improving WRLS Infrastructure to Increase Wireless Access, \$22,600

Winnefox Library System, Winnefox Technology Projects, \$19,100

Wisconsin Valley Library Service, LSTA Technology Projects, \$26,900

#### Literacy

Manitowoc Public Library, Adult Literacy Service Needs of the Manitowoc County Corrections System, \$2,000

Manitowoc-Calumet Library System, Hispanic and Latino Community's Literacy Needs, \$2,000

Milwaukee Public Library, Milwaukee Public Library Literacy Kits, \$3,360

Muskego Public Library, Enhancing Children's Early Literacy Skills by Introducing Early Literacy Computers, \$15,595

Southwest Wisconsin Library System, Empowering Youth with Skills for Lifelong Learning, \$10,793

St. Croix Falls Public Library, Parent Engagement, School Readiness, and Play with the St. Croix Falls Public Library, \$7,250

#### Merging Integrated Library Systems

Kenosha County Library System, KCLS Joins Share Catalog, \$12,000