

LSTA Grants Awarded for Federal Year 2007

The Federal Year 2007 LSTA allotment for the State of Indiana was \$3,357,739. Library Services and Technology Act funds are awarded to the Indiana State Library by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, to be used for State Library programs and/or distributed according to the Indiana State Library Five Year Plan 2003-2007 {http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/www_isl/ldo/lsta/lstaplan2007.html}. In 2007 \$413,955.89 was allocated for the competitive mini-grant programs, focusing on technology, digitization and institutional literacy. \$2,933,743.11 was available for projects and programs with a statewide impact.

Indiana's libraries play a vital role in their communities by providing access to technology and how to use it. The technology grant program supports these efforts by assisting in the identification, acquisition and implementation of new technology. In 2007 grant applicants were given more flexibility in determining their technology needs and the amount available for each award was increased to \$8,000. There was an overwhelming response with 72 applications being submitted for a total request of \$477,127.62. \$151,268.62 was awarded to 24 libraries (1 academic, 3 school, 20 public).

LSTA Technology Grants for 2007 included:

Covington-Veedersburg Public Library: "Web-based Library Management System to Merge Library Catalogs" \$7003

Eckhart Public Library: "Eckhart Library IT Infrastructure upgrades" \$2,000

Flora-Monroe Township Public Library: "Wireless Laptop Library" \$4,882

Frankfort Community Public Library: "Improving Service with Self-Service" \$8,000

Franklin D. Schurz Library (IU South Bend): "Hammes Information Commons" \$3,000

Fulton County Public Library: "Learning English" \$6,721

Geneva Public Library: "Computer Literacy for Unskilled or Under-skilled Patrons" \$8,000

Greensburg-Decatur County Contractual Public Library: "Wireless Access" \$2,794

Hamilton North Public Library: "Computer Skills for Children" \$8,000

Jasper County Public Library: "JCPL Self-Checkout" \$8,000

Kitley Intermediate School: "Pump up the Volume: Even Reluctant Readers will Listen" \$7,952

Margaret Cooper Public Library: "MCPL's Interactive Program Room" \$4,200

Morgan County Public Library: "MCPL Public Computer Management Software and Kiosk"
\$8,000

Muncie Public Library: "Mobile Media Production Lab" \$6,929.62

Noble County Public Library: "2007 Website Grant" \$7,800

Osgood Public Library: "Community Catalog" \$5,159

Pendleton Community Public Library: "PC Reservation and Print Management at the Pendleton
Community Library" \$8,000

Plainfield-Guildford Township Public Library: "LSTA 2007 Video Game Consoles" \$7960

South Central Media Center: "SMARTer Teaching & Learning @ the SC Library Media Center"
\$5,600

Speedway Public Library: Public Internet Magnification and Screen Reader Software Program"
\$7,200

Union County Public Library: "2007 LSTA Technology Grant" \$7,929

Vigo County Public Library: "Reference Services Enhancement" \$5,200

Warren Central High School: "A New Look at Undersea Life" \$2,899

Warsaw Community Public Library: "Special Needs System" \$8,000

The digitization of materials reflecting Indiana's cultural heritage will allow for access to materials that are available under restricted or limited conditionals at individual libraries and cultural organizations. The 2007 Digitization Grant program promoted the creation of a broad base of historical materials to be freely available through the Indiana Memory web site. Projects funded from this grant program must adhere to identified national standards to ensure the longevity and transferability of the data. Preference was given to projects that digitize materials of statewide significance and promote collaborations with other cultural heritage organizations. Seventeen grant applications received, requesting \$250,057; eleven grants were awarded to 11 libraries (5 academic, 6 public). An opportunity will be offered to libraries to acquire the CONTENTdm Acquisition Station software necessary for direct participation in the Indiana Memory program this summer.

LSTA Digitization Grants for 2007 included:

Anderson Public Library: "Picturing Madison County" \$2,046.00

Ball State University Libraries: "Muncie Post-Democrat Newspaper Collection" \$23,041.00

Charlestown-Clark County Public Library: "Jesse G. Dorsey Collection of World War II Correspondence" \$4,424.00

Indiana University School of Medicine Library: "Indiana Public Health Digital Library" \$14,518.00

Indiana University-Purdue University Columbus Library: "Columbus Architecture: Behind the Scenes" \$9,791.00

Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne: "History of the Miami Indians in Northeast Indiana" \$23,596.00

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis Library: "John Tipton Papers Digital Collection" \$8,730.00

Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library: "World War I Posters of the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library" \$2,900.00

Knox County Public Library: "Early Vincennes, 1790-1805" \$25,000.00

Kokomo-Howard County Public Library: "Howard County Newspapers" \$16,090.00

New Harmony Workingmen's Institute: "The Goldens Tonight" \$19,864.00

In 2004, over 25,000 Indiana citizens were residents of, or received services from, state-supported adult correctional, juvenile correctional, special service libraries, mental health treatment facilities, veterans home, the School for the Blind and the School for the Deaf.

Through the Special Services and Literacy Grant, these libraries will receive assistance with literacy issues with access to technology and library materials. This year, for the first time, the grants were awarded on a competitive basis, with a larger amount given to each recipient. Thirty applications were received, with seventeen institutions being awarded a total of \$112,077.09.

The Read-to Me Program provides books for offenders to read on tape and send to their children.

LSTA Institutional Literacy Grants for 2007 include:

Camp Summit Boot Camp – equipment to enhance vocational proficiency education- \$8,000

Edinburgh Correctional Facility – increase access to interlibrary loan materials - \$7,430.32

Evansville State Hospital – acquire library circulation system - \$3,621

Indiana State Prison – acquire vocational software and equipment - \$7,788.94

Indiana Women’s Prison – acquire library circulation system -\$5,499

Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility – promote literacy skills utilizing the celebration of the Jamestown settlement - \$6,931

Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility – purchase classroom computers and GED software - \$5,116.50

Miami Correctional Facility – acquire computers and software to promote job readiness skills - \$5,000

Morton Memorial Schools (Indiana Soldier's and Sailor's Children's Home) - to acquire whiteboard to promote the teaching of literacy and computer skills - \$6,111.28

Northeast Juvenile Correctional Facility – automate the library catalog - \$5,800

Pendleton Correctional Facility – Inside – create computer lab and acquire software to promote the teaching of reentry skills - \$8,000

Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility – acquire software for GED preparation - \$6,410

Plainfield Correctional Facility – acquire GED and English as Second Language software - \$8,000

Richmond State Hospital – create a mobile learning lab - \$8,000

Rockville Correctional Facility – expand successful reentry program - \$8,000

Wabash Valley Correctional Facility/Library 3– expand existing program with additional computers, software, and nonfiction reference books - \$6,015.05

Westville Correctional Facility – to acquire GED software and equipment - \$7,004

The Indiana Talking Books and Braille Library, a division of the Indiana State Library, was awarded \$64,320 to provide Indiana residents who are unable to read regular print due to a visual or physical disability with the same types of books and magazines that are available in regular print through Indiana public libraries. Materials loaned include Braille edition, recorded and large print books and magazines, and special equipment needed to play recorded materials. Reader advisory and reference services are also provided. The project also includes public education activities to assist in locating and identifying eligible users of the service.

There are four sub-regional libraries designated to provide reader advisory services, circulate materials and participate in public awareness activities. These libraries receive LSTA funds to assist in support of these services. The sub-regional libraries with grant amounts awarded are: Bartholomew County Public Library, \$68,689, Evansville-Vanderburgh Public Library, \$66,028, Elkhart Public Library, \$74,967; and Lake County Public Library, \$76,647.

LSTA funds have been made available in support of statewide literacy efforts. A grant for \$158,016.92 was awarded for train-the-trainer workshops using a research-based literacy program called Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library (ECRR). This program is designed to teach library workers the importance of and ways to support the development of early literacy skills in young children and how to communicate this information to adults and care providers through workshops. Trainers will take ECRR outside of library walls to involve local care providers and other local educational groups. Additional LSTA funds are being also used to support Indiana's participation in the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP), a consortium of states working together to provide high-quality summer reading program materials for children at the lowest cost possible for their public libraries.

Funding was allocated to various projects to assist in making materials available to Indiana's citizens. INCOLSA has been awarded a grant of \$426,190 to continue funding for unlimited access to WorldCat and INCat, providing access to the world's largest bibliographic database. The Indiana State Library and five academic libraries were awarded a total of \$55,000 to support of their involvement in fulfilling interlibrary loan requests, thus making their collections available. The cooperating academic libraries are Ball State University; Indiana State University; Indiana University; University of Notre Dame; and IUPUI. The Indiana State Library Data Center received an award of \$133,154 to make its resources available and to provide support for training programs in the use of current and historical Census statistics as well as other federal statistics.

Finally, LSTA funds are being used to provide for consultation services from the Indiana State Library. These services include providing training programs for library staff and trustees,

promoting planning and evaluation and monitoring standards compliance. Four percent of the funding is reserved for the administration of the LSTA program.

LSTA monies are federal funds from the Institute of Museum & Library Services, which are disseminated by the state libraries for library projects within the states. In Indiana, these LSTA funds are used to support projects for the benefit of Indiana' libraries. The Indiana State Library awards reimbursement grants according to the goals and objectives set out in the state library's approved LSTA Five Year Plan, 2003-2007. An annual report detailing each grant award is submitted to the Institute for Museums and Library Services.

If you have questions, please contact Jacob Speer, 317-232-3715 jspeer@library.in.gov or Connie Rendfeld at the Indiana State Library, Library Development Office, 317-232-3694 crendfeld@library.in.gov or 800-451-6028.