

2010 Washington Rural Heritage Grants

Washington Rural Heritage (WRH) is an initiative that supports small and rural libraries in the development of digital projects that aim to serve historically unique items and collections online. Primary candidate institutions are those without the means to digitize and serve online such items without outside support. The initiative encourages collaborative efforts between eligible public libraries and collaborative partners in the community (e.g., museums, genealogy societies, schools, etc.).

Grant: 10-WRH-001 **Award:** \$9,276

Organization: Orcas Island Public Library

Title: Orcas Island Heritage

Abstract: The Orcas Island Public Library staff will digitize 100–200 documents of historical significance to Orcas Island. The Library will partner with the Orcas Island Historical Society and Museum which has a collection of over 6,000 items of local significance, including several linear feet of photographic collections.

Grant: 10-WRH-002 **Award:** \$5,930

Organization: Ellensburg Public Library

Title: Buildings, Businesses and Schools

Abstract: Ellensburg Public Library staff will describe and digitize 200 historic photographs from the Building, Street Scenes, Town Views, and Public School Collections, and continue scanning and describing the Fred Breckon Collection of photographs of early Ellensburg.

Grant: 10-WRH-003 **Award:** \$7,000

Organization: Whitman County Library

Title: Whitman County Library Historical Archive Digitization Project

Abstract: Continuing their previous successful Rural Heritage Project, Whitman County Library will digitize 100–200 items of Whitman County history.

Grant: 10-WRH-004 **Award:** \$6,450

Organization: Mid-Columbia Libraries, Prosser Branch

Title: Prosser Local History Project

Abstract: The library will select and digitize 100 items in the Prosser's Benton County Museum and Historical Society collection. Selected items will be representative of four topics of local significance: Women in the Valley, Downtown Prosser, Schools, and Dry Land Farming / Homesteading.

Grant: 10-WRH-005 **Award:** \$6,000

Organization: Denny Ashby Public Library

Title: Early Towns of Garfield County

Abstract: The Denny Ashby library will partner with the Garfield County Museum and private citizens to create a digital collection of 100–200 photographs documenting the small towns that once existed in Garfield County — Columbia Center, Gould City, Mayview, Pataha City, and Peola.

Grant: 10-WRH-008 **Award:** \$9,500

Organization: Sedro-Woolley Public Library

Title: Historical Memories of Sedro-Woolley, WA

Abstract: The Sedro-Woolley Public Library and the Sedro-Woolley Museum will digitize 100–200 historical photos, documents, and ephemera primarily from the Museum's archival collections. Currently, the Museum has begun with help from the WRH Project to prioritize some of the historical subjects they wish to highlight; in addition they will highlight their schools, businesses, train heritage, and other major historical milestones.

Grant: 10-WRH-009 **Award:** \$6,100

Organization: Asotin County Library

Title: Asotin County Rural Heritage Project

Abstract: Asotin County Library will partner with the Asotin County Museum to digitize 100–200 items in the museum collection including items in several of their historical buildings and their branding board collection, as well as 19

photographs from the personal collection of Mildred Chanel and 13 photographs from the personal collection of Clarkston Mayor Donna Engle.