

2012 Connecting Libraries through Resource Sharing Grants

The purpose of the Connecting Libraries through Resource Sharing (CLRS) grant cycle is to encourage cooperation among public libraries in counties where inter-local agreements to share materials do not exist, by providing grant funds for collection development with materials to be rotated between partnering libraries.

The funds will be awarded equally among partners with a maximum award of \$715 dollars per library, including \$500 for collection development, up to \$140 for travel to attend two required meetings, and up to \$75 for processing materials.

Grant: 12-CLRS-001

Award: \$4,998

Organization: Ritzville Library District

Title: Share – LCRL (Lincoln County and Ritzville Libraries)

Abstract: The Lincoln County and Ritzville libraries will purchase eReaders and eBooks according to the needs of each library, and share the electronic materials among the seven participating libraries. The goal is to increase sharing of these electronic materials and eventually all materials held by participating libraries so that patrons have access to more materials – electronic and physical – without significantly increasing costs to each library. An additional desired outcome is that patrons will have increased access to eReaders and eBooks.

Grant: 12-CLRS-002

Award: \$4,290

Organization: Neill Public Library

Title: E-READS in EWashington: Encouraging Reading Expanding Access & Device Sharing in Eastern Washington

Abstract: Grant funds will be used to purchase eReaders and eBooks to be shared between the six participating libraries. This project will demystify the e-reading experience for patrons and staff, and position public libraries as a resource for digital access of popular materials. Core components include circulation of shared grant-funded eReaders (and other resources as well), instruction classes, and patron access to grant-funded eBook collections.