2012 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 partners in the community (e.g., museums, genealogy societies, schools, etc.).

Grant: 12-WRH-002 Award: \$7,766 Organization: Nisqually Tribal Library Title: The Canoe Journeys ~ A Nisqually Perspective

Abstract: The Nisqually Tribal Library has been given access to a collection of 10,000 photographs that document Nisqually Tribe's participation in the Tribal Canoe Journeys, an annual event celebrated by the peoples of the many tribes in the pacific northwest, from its beginnings in 1989 through this last year. This event is a large part of the cultural revival the participating Tribes have been experiencing, revolving around canoe culture. They propose to digitize approximately 180 photos (10 for each of the 18 years) with the grant funds.

 Grant: 12-WRH-003
 Award: \$3,000

 Organization: Denny Ashby Public Library

 Title: John Bertram Brady Letters (Victim of Titanic) and Civilian Conservation Corps in Garfield County, WA

Abstract: The Denny Ashby Library will partner with private citizens to create a digital collection of 100–200 items documenting the activity of the Civilian Conservation Corps in Garfield County, as well as a set of letters written by John Bertram Brady to a friend in Paris, France, prior to sailing on the Titanic.

Grant: 12-WRH-004 Award: \$5,435 Organization: Sno-Isle Libraries Title: South Whidbey Digitization Project

Abstract: The complete Hunziker collection of 16mm and 8mm film of Whidbey Island from the 1930s and 1940s will be converted into a digital form and edited. These films recorded early ferry boat history, special events and everyday life on Whidbey Island.

Grant: 12-WRH-005 Award: \$6,125 Organization: Ritzville Library District Title: Early Schoolhouses in Adams County

Abstract: In partnership with the Adams County Historical Society, the Ritzville Public Library will select and digitize 100 items belonging to the Historical Society, including photographs and documents related to early schoolhouses in Adams County. The Historical Society has over 2,000 items in their collection dating back to the late 19th Century, related to the history of early Adams County. The library's intent is to continue working with the Historical Society after the conclusion of this grant to digitize items from their collection of local importance and interest.

Grant: 12-WRH-006 Award: \$6,700 Organization: Sedro-Woolley Public Library Title: More Historical Memories of Sedro-Woolley. WA

Abstract: The Sedro-Woolley Public Library and the Sedro-Woolley Museum will expand their WRH work from 2010, which created a large ripple in historical circles, by digitizing the photographic collection of a local historian whose work collected over a lifetime now numbers in the thousands of rare images.

Grant: 12-WRH-007 Award: \$6,436 Organization: North Olympic Library System, Port Angeles Public Library Title: Kellogg Collection Digitization and Access Enhancement Project **Abstract:** The Kellogg photograph collection, donated to the Library in 1970 by Bert Kellogg, consists of over 5,000 images of the local area dating from the 1850s through the 1970s. It conveys a rich sense of the history of the Olympic Peninsula by documenting the social, cultural, commercial, and historical events of Clallam County. The Library is proposing to use trained staff and volunteers to digitize at least 1,000 of these images during this grant cycle. The fragile nature of the images presents a pressing need for the digitization to begin as soon as possible.

Grant: 12-WRH-009 Award: \$10,000 Organization: Roslyn Public Library Title: Pioneer Queens of Upper Kittitas County

Abstract: Roslyn Public Library proposes to create a new digital collection called "Pioneer Queens of Upper Kittitas County" consisting of historic photographs and contemporary video and/or audio interviews from a select segment of the community's population – their founding families. Items to be included will consist of historic photographs from participating queens or their families and video or audio interviews with surviving queens. Work will be done through contractors and existing library staff.