

2013 Digital Literacy Grants

The purpose of this Digital Literacy grant cycle is to provide funding to public, academic, college, tribal, and school libraries to implement pilot projects that support Digital Literacy projects in the community.

Each grant project will meet at least one of the following objectives:

- Encourage the development of skills required to communicate and perform business transactions on a digital environment.
- Use diverse technologies appropriately to retrieve quality information.
- Support the development of skills to collaborate with other or to enhance employability in a digital and evolving world.

Total funds available: \$75,000.00

Individual award limit: \$7,500.00

Grant: 13-DL-001

Award: \$7,500.00

Organization: Seattle Public Schools, Garfield High School

Title: *Digital Mobility at Garfield*

Abstract: Garfield High School will set-up a demonstration cart of 10 iPads to use in the high school library and in selected classrooms to show how digital literacy can enhance the school environment. Garfield High School's librarian will collaborate with a middle school librarian in district. (The middle school librarian has already developed and built up a mobile lab program in conjunction with teachers in her school.) Once training and collaboration between librarians has been carried out, Garfield High School's librarian will work with pilot group of at least five teachers in content areas of social studies, language arts, science, math, and world language to integrate the use of iPads with their projects.

Grant: 13-DL-002

Award: \$6,500.00

Organization: Whitman County Rural Library District

Title: *Getting Comfortable in the Digital World*

Abstract: *Getting Comfortable in the Digital World* will improve the digital literacy skills of community members by providing digital literacy classes at six regionally centered locations through Whitman County between March 1, 2014 and July 31, 2014. Whitman County Library will contract with experienced instructor(s) in basic digital literacy; partnering with the Community Colleges of Spokane to locate qualified instructors and with local agencies to promote the classes.

Grant: 13-DL-003

Award: \$7,500.00

Organization: Central Valley School District, Greenacres Elementary School

Title: *Digital Literacy for the Spokane Valley*

Abstract: Greenacres Elementary School will provide digital literacy education for families in the Spokane Valley with this grant project. Greenacres Elementary School, in conjunction with Spokane County Library District, will increase the number of parents and students effectively using digital tools to communicate, access information, and develop independent skills necessary to perpetuate life-long learning in the digital age.

Grant: 13-DL -004 **Award:** \$7,500.00

Organization: Asotin County Library

Title: *Asotin County Digital Literacy*

Abstract: Asotin County Library will promote digital literacy by offering mediated drop-in sessions for people in need of digital literacy training by promoting the Microsoft IT Academy and Everyone On (particularly the jobs section). To accomplish this, Asotin County Library will purchase laptops and a charging/security station, hire a coach for drop-in sessions, and offer some specialized training such as web development workshops. Asotin County Library will partner with Rural Resources to encourage referrals to the digital literacy program, and will meet with Clarkston High School faculty to explore the creation of a sustainable digital literacy program for faculty, staff, and students.

Grant: 13-DL -005 **Award:** \$6,083.00

Organization: Grays Harbor College, John Spellman Library

Title: *Digital Literacy and Mobile Apps for Academic Research*

Abstract: The John Spellman Library will increase the quality of information research for our faculty and students with this grant. Faculty will participate in selection and testing of mobile device applications (apps) for their disciplines, while librarians focus on library-specific apps. These quality sources will then be passed through to students via the library and classrooms in order to develop their digital literacy skills.

Grant: 13-WRH-006 **Award:** \$7,500.00

Organization: Wahluke High School

Title: *Shared Stories: Collaborative Communication Development at Wahluke High School and Beyond.*

Abstract: Wahluke High School will promote digital literacy skills through the use of collaborative digital technology, on-line student leadership, and visual literacy development for the students of Wahluke High School and members of the surrounding community with this grant project. Wahluke High School's intent is to use library resources to augment academic learning, develop professional skills, and teach community stewardship to students in the high school.

Grant: 13-DL -007 **Award:** \$7,150.00

Organization: Komachin Middle School

Title: *Parent and Student Technology Club*

Abstract: Komachin Middle School will develop evening and on-line programming for parents and students; the digital literacy program for parents is called *21 Things for 21st Century Parents*, and the student program is called *Codecademy*. Both are established online programs with a focus on digital literacy skills.

Grant: 13-DL-008 **Award:** \$7,290.00

Organization: Spokane County Library District

Title: *Online Instructional Videos*

Abstract: Spokane County Library District will create video recordings for online instructional courses for this grant project. Spokane County Library District will continue to partner with Interpersonal Frequency, the creator of Podium; the online software that hosts their online instructional courses.

Grant: 13-DL-010

Award: \$6,600.00

Organization: Bellingham Technical College Library

Title: *Digital Professionalism: Preparing You for the Future*

Abstract: Bellingham Technical College Library will offer a series of four workshops to develop business, collaborative, and employability skills in the digital environment for the students, staff, and faculty at Bellingham Technical College. The workshops will also be offered to tutors and learners of the Whatcom Literacy Council (WLC) with this grant. The workshops will include professional collaboration online, professional reading online, using the Cloud, and Microsoft IT Academy boot camps. Bellingham Technical College (BTC) Library is partnering with the Whatcom Literacy Council.

Grant: 13-DL -011

Award: \$7,500.00

Organization: Auburn School District

Title: *Connecting Learners to Libraries*

Abstract: The Auburn School District will host a one day, hands-on, digital literacy workshop for elementary teachers with this grant project. Auburn School District's goal is to connect learners to libraries. In partnership with the King County Library, the district will create an awareness of the vast and growing digital educational resources available to our students in their school library, at the King County Public Library, and at home via 24/7 access.