

2013 Washington Rural Heritage Grants

Washington Rural Heritage (WRH) is an initiative that supports small and rural libraries in the development of online digital collections of historically significant materials. 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 community partners (e.g., museums, genealogy societies, schools, etc.).

Total funds requested, 2013: \$62,607.00

Total awarded: \$49,245.00

Grant: 13-WRH-001 **Award:** \$5,246.00

Organization: Sunnyside Library, Yakima Valley Libraries

Title: Christian Cooperative Colony, Sunnyside, Washington

Abstract: Sunnyside Library, in partnership with Sunnyside Historical Society (SHS), will select and digitize at least 100 items belonging to SHS. Items will include a selection of early plat maps and letters of correspondence between the founding members of the Christian Cooperative Colony, a religious sect that was responsible for incorporating the city of Sunnyside in 1902. Yakima Valley Libraries (YVL), acting on behalf of Sunnyside Library, will provide digitization services and management.

Grant: 13-WRH-002 **Award:** \$2,800.00

Organization: Whitman County Library

Title: Whitman County Library Historical Digitization Project

Abstract: Whitman County Library (WCL) will partner with the Pine City Historical Society to digitize their photo collection. This historic collection documents Pine City's colorful past and is currently held in a scrapbook and in a box of loose photos and postcards. Additionally, WCL will digitize at least two books from its own collection that document local history and are not currently found online digitally from other sources.

Grant: 13-WRH-003 **Award:** \$9,975.00

Organization: Orcas Island Public Library

Title: Orcas Island Heritage: Geoghegan Photo Archive

Abstract: This project will digitize a minimum of 100 photographs taken by Orcas Island resident James T. Geoghegan [Gay'-gan] during the period 1914-1941 and some additional related documents. The photos, which vividly portray island landscapes during the first half of the 20th century, are of great historical significance to Orcas Island and Washington State. The Library will partner with the Orcas Island Historical Society and Museum. This collaborative project will be an important step in the development of a sustainable digitization program on Orcas Island.

Grant: 13-WRH-004 **Award:** \$6,191.00

Organization: Port Angeles Public Library, North Olympic Library System

Title: Kellogg Collection Digitization and Access Enhancement Project

Abstract: The North Olympic Library System's 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. North Olympic Library System will be contributing more than 1,000 of these images to the Washington Rural Heritage database during the 2012 grant cycle. The Library is proposing to use trained staff and volunteers to digitize another 1,500 of these images during the 2013 grant cycle. The fragile nature of the images presents a pressing need for the digitization to continue.

Grant: 13-WRH-006 **Award:** \$9,983.00

Organization: Ellensburg Public Library

Title: Recreation in Kittitas County

Abstract: The Ellensburg Public Library (EPL) has several photograph collections that showcasing Kittitas County's recreational history (including the Otto William Pautzke, Will Lane Zetzsche, Mary Mires, and Connell family collections). EPL will scan 400 of these photographs, gather metadata and make them available online for all to view and enjoy. Because little is known about these photos, EPL will incorporate a social media element to the project, asking the public to identify the "who's and where's" of the photographs.

Grant: 13-WRH-008 **Award:** \$5,200.00

Organization: Walla Walla County Rural Library District

Title: Prescott Pre-School Association 1949-1966

Abstract: The Walla Walla County Rural Library District was given a box of documentation for the Prescott Pre-School Association dating from 1949 through 1966 by a library user in the town of Prescott, population 315. These binders included hand written minutes of meetings, and scrapbooks including photographs of the preschool itself, activities, and social gatherings of the group. These minutes, photos, and scrapbook materials, totaling over 100 pages, will be digitized through this grant, and made available on the Washington Rural Heritage website.

Grant: 13-WRH-009 **Award:** \$9,850.00

Organization: Sedro-Woolley Public Library

Title: Historical Memories of Clear Lake

Abstract: The Sedro-Woolley Public Library will form a new partnership with the Clear Lake Community Historical Association, in order to digitize and publish 300+ historical photographs for contribution to the Washington Rural Heritage Project. The Association has a collection of several thousand rare images documenting the formation and history of the Clear Lake, and neighboring Day Creek areas several miles south of Sedro-Woolley, Washington.