

2014 Digital Skills Training Grants

The purpose of this Agreement is to support Digital Skills Training projects in local libraries. Projects focus on providing training and resources to directly enhance the skills of patrons to improve their ability to navigate an increasingly digital world.

Grant Number: 14-DST-001 **Award:** \$4,600.00

Organization: Yakima Valley Libraries

Title: Yakima Valley Libraries eReaders and Tablet Outreach and Training

Abstract: Yakima Valley Libraries is requesting funds to purchase nine different devices to better train our staff and patrons on using eReaders. As we continue to increase our eBook and eAudio collection we must prepare for all of the questions that our patrons may have about the use of various devices to accommodate their reading needs.

Grant Number: 14-DST-002 **Award:** \$45,185.00

Organization: Walla Walla County Rural Library District

Title: Crossing the Divide

Abstract: We intend to have 14 classes taught at each of our 5 locations with an outcome of middle school children through elderly crossing or climbing the Digital Divide by acquiring new skills and knowledge with software and hardware purchased with grant funding and professional level training provided.

Grant Number: 14-DST-003 **Award:** \$50,000.00

Organization: Whitman County Library

Title: Technology Made Easy

Abstract: "Technology Made Easy" will improve the digital literacy skills of community members by providing a variety of informative classes and workshops at regionally centered locations throughout Whitman County. Additionally, it will provide digital learning stations and an organized instructor pool that will support digital training well into the future.

Grant Number: 14-DST-004 **Award:** \$49,000.00

Organization: Pierce County Library System

Title: Digital PC

Abstract: The Digital PC project is an initiative designed to increase digital literacy skills across the county. Pierce County Library will introduce an online service to learn coding, train staff on services, execute in-branch programming, and market a suite of services that allow residents free access to technology training.

Grant Number: 14-DST-005 **Award:** \$19,200.00

Organization: Spokane County Library District

Title: Ready for Work - Digital Skills for Employment and Workforce Development (in partnership with WorkSource)

Abstract: Ready for Work - Digital Skills for Employment and Workforce Development (in partnership with WorkSource Spokane)

This project is designed to bring materials, instructional sessions, and counseling sessions on employment skills, career information, and technology training to rural populations in Spokane County to increase employment and employability of Spokane County residents. We hope to reduce barriers to technology training by bringing sessions closer and providing childcare.

Grant Number: 14-DST-006 **Award:** \$12,480.00

Organization: Longview Public Library

Title: Get Connected – Computer Classes

Abstract: "Get Connected" is designed to improve technology and digital skills in adults and senior citizens to help them better connect with employers, family and community, increase knowledge and awareness of available resources, and to provide a foundation for continued learning.

Grant Number: 14-DST-007 **Award:** \$6,000.00

Organization: Port Townsend Public Library

Title: Digital Skills Project

Abstract: Digital Skills Project - Individuals will learn digital competencies with tablet computers, computer programming, be exposed to computer science and other technology careers and practice collaborating on real-life projects. Participants will acquire the ability to use technology skills independently and advance their skills according to individual interests.

Grant Number: 14-DST-008 **Award:** \$33,644.00

Organization: Lopez Island Library

Title: Traveling Tech Trainers

Abstract: Traveling Tech Training - Weekly outreach to promote digital skills such as Microsoft IT Academy courses and other topics related to digital literacy skills and workforce development. We will target those looking to enhance their skill set and non-computer users needing basic digital skills training. The desired outcome is increased ease in using digital resources.

Grant Number: 14-DST-009 **Award:** \$25,907.00

Organization: Nisqually Indian Tribe

Title: Digital Literacy:

Abstract: "Digital Literacy: Bridging Opportunity Gaps with Tech-Knowledge eTraining"

This project aims to literally meet Nisqually people with digital skills deficiencies where they are at, by providing in-neighborhood trainings aboard the library's bookmobile-cum-Computer Skills Development Lab. We are planning seven sites, six sessions each. We anticipate significant measurable increases in our patrons' ability to utilize digital tools and information.

Grant Number: 14-DST-010 **Award:** \$21,383.00

Organization: Ellensburg Public Library

Title: Employment Seeking and Skill Building in a Digital Age

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This project will provide a series of trainings designed to prepare unemployed and underemployed Kittitas County residents to seek employment by gaining digital literacy skills. There will be group training sessions complimented by twelve additional weeks of one-on-one help.

Grant Number: 14-DST-011 **Award:** \$47,600.00

Organization: Yakama Nation Library

Title: Yakama Nation Library Digital Literacy Project

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The Yakama Nation Library will implement the Microsoft IT Academy and digital literacy classes that help the Lower Valley community to improve digital literacy skills to connect with others, improve job skills, access online resources, introduce new technology and apply for online job opportunities.

Grant Number: 14-DST-012 **Award:** \$38,873.00

Organization: North Central Regional Library

Title: NCRL Mobile Makerspace for Teens

Abstract: The NCRL Mobile Makerspace for Teens will provide educational programs at rural NCRL branch libraries and community schools to foster the development of digital literacy skills. Teens will learn skills that will be useful for future careers by learning about programming and design for robotics, digital photography, music and video production and web design.

Grant Number: 14-DST-013 **Award:** \$44,434.00

Organization: Asotin County Library

Title: Job & Career Catalyst Project

Abstract: The Job & Career Catalyst Project is designed to establish a staffed career center for residents of Asotin County, providing them with tools and personal help for job and career development, job changes and skill enhancement, empowering users to meet the demands of the 21st century job market.

Grant Number: 14-DST-015 **Award:** \$42,332.00

Organization: Spokane Public Library

Title: Connected Living: Learning to Live and Work in a Digital World

Abstract: The Spokane Public Library's (SPL) Connected Living project (CL) expands training and digital library resources for customers to equip them for an increasingly digital world by changing their learning environment and interaction with library instructors.

By shifting the way staff teach and customers learn, digital literacy skills will improve significantly.

Grant Number: 14-DST-016 **Award:** \$8,041.00

Organization: Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Title: Strong People, Strong Skills

Abstract: The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Library is requesting \$8,041 to purchase tablets, e-readers and laptops to provide training in mobile device selection and use; digital security and privacy; and entrepreneurial technology, to Tribal citizens and the public in order to educate and empower participants to safely and successfully utilize digital technologies.

Grant Number: 14-DST-017 **Award:** \$3,460.00

Organization: Reardan Memorial Library

Title: Get to Know Technology

Abstract: Get to Know Technology: This project is to help Lincoln County residents, primarily seniors and other adults become familiar with today's technology. I will introduce them to some tablets, and take them through training to familiarize them with social media, online banking options, government and health resources that can make their lives easier.