

Washington Rural Heritage 2007 Grants

Washington Rural Heritage is an initiative that supports small and rural libraries in the development of digital projects that serve historically unique items and collections online.

The purpose of this grant cycle is to provide grant funds to small and rural, public libraries to encourage the development of long-term sustainable digitization programs at these libraries through the creation of an initial digital collection published as part of the Washington Rural Heritage collection.

Grant: 07- WRH -001 **Award:** \$4,600.00
Organization: Columbia County Rural Library District
Title: School Houses of Columbia County

Abstract: The Library District is collaborating with the Blue Mountain Heritage Society, Historic Dayton Depot Society, and local authors. The "School Houses of Columbia County" project is to digitize photographs and/or text of at least fifty (50) school houses that were located in Columbia County. The digitization project will make these photographs and information available to a wider range of people who want information on the school districts that were once active in Columbia County.

Grant: 07- WRH -002 **Award:** \$5,000.00
Organization: Whatcom County Library System, Lummi Island
Title: Lummi Island Reef-Net Fishing Collection

Abstract: The Lummi Island Library, in collaborative partnership with its volunteer support group, Friends of the Island Library (FOIL), will catalogue and digitize an unordered collection of early twentieth century documents relating to this rural Island's reef-net fishing industry.

Grant: 07- WRH -003 **Award:** \$580.00
Organization: Lopez Island Library District
Title: Lopez Island Library & Museum Digitization Project

Abstract: Both the Lopez Island Library District and Lopez Island Historical Society (LIHS) house historical items that would benefit from the wider audience digitization would provide. Currently, access is very limited at the museum (in-person only) and there are time constraints on what can be provided for free. Jointly, the library and museum of Lopez Island will target a prioritized list of items (which includes scans of photographic prints, slides and negatives showing Lopez Island's rich farming and fruit growing history, along with the history of the library) for digitization that will be stored on the Washington State Library server to improve researcher access and reduce time and costs substantially.

Grant: 07- WRH -004 **Award:** \$5,000.00
Organization: Libraries of Stevens County
Title: Libraries of Stevens County Rural History Project

Abstract: The Libraries of Stevens County is lucky to be in one of only two counties in Washington State to be recognized as a Preserve America Community. There is a vibrant and active local history organization, the Heritage Network, which is working to gather, preserve, and share history from Stevens County online. Though the small libraries that are scattered throughout the county have a variety of local history documents, photos, books, etc., they do not have the staff, time, or expertise to digitize and catalog online resources. It is the goal of this project to help digitize resources held in the libraries to add to the Heritage Network's collection: <http://cs.theheritagenetwork.org/> by contracting with the Heritage Network to digitize collections and train library staff. The focus will be on Northport, Hunters, and Lake Spokane communities.

Grant: 07- WRH -006 **Award:** \$5,000.00
Organization: Whitman County Library, Colfax
Title: Whitman County Library Historical Archive Digitization Project

Abstract: Whitman County Library, as well as small museums, historical societies, and private collections in the communities it serves, contain a wealth of fragile and one of a kind historical materials. As the beginning of an ongoing endeavor, Whitman County Library will offer selected portions of its *Historical Photos Collection*, *County Plat Maps* and the *Tekoa Museum's Photo Archives* in a digital online format. The Tekoa Museum and Whitman County Library will partner in this endeavor.

Grant: 07- WRH -007

Award: \$3,124.00

Organization: Ellensburg Public Library

Title: Ellensburg Rodeo Historic Photographs

Abstract: Ellensburg Public Library staff, in cooperation with the Ellensburg Rodeo Hall of Fame Association (ERHOF), will describe and digitize a portion of the Ellensburg Rodeo historic photographs that have been donated to the library by Ellensburg's local newspaper and others. These digitized images will be housed on the WSL server and made available to the public through the Washington Rural Heritage Collection.