

## Washington Rural Heritage 2008 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:** 08-WRH-001 **Award:** \$10,000.00  
**Organization:** Whitman County Library  
**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, contains a wealth of fragile and one of a kind historical materials. As the continuation of our contribution to the Rural Heritage Project, Whitman County Library will partner with the Whitman County Library, St. John Branch, the St. John Museum and Historical Society and local residents to begin the *St. John Museum Collection* of historical photographs. In addition, more historic photos from Whitman County Library's collection will also be added to the existing Whitman County Library *Historical Photos Collection*.

**Grant:** 08- WRH -002 **Award:** \$8,700.00  
**Organization:** Whatcom County Library System, Lummi Island  
**Title:** Lummi Island Reef-Net Fishing Collection, Phase II

**Abstract:** The Lummi Island Library in collaborative partnership with its volunteer support group, Friends of the Island Library (FOIL), will substantially expand the scope of its 2007 Washington Rural Heritage Grant. FOIL will digitize and apply Metadata descriptors to an additional 200 documents and add them to the expanding collection related to this rural Island's reef-net fishing industry. In addition, a digitized audio series of "born digital" oral histories will be created, the content of which will be triggered by real time reviews of the growing Washington Lummi Island Reef-Net Fishing Collection by local elder reef-netters.

**Grant:** 08- WRH -003 **Award:** \$10,000.00  
**Organization:** San Juan Island Library District  
**Title:** San Juan Island Community Heritage

**Abstract:** The Library, Historical Museum, Town of Friday Harbor, and San Juan Island National Historical Park will digitize and make available online photographs and other historic items owned by members of the community that tell the story of the island history. Community members will be invited to special event days to bring in items to be digitized on the spot, meaning they will not have to give up ownership of family heirlooms. The community members will also be asked to record a short audio clip giving a description and history of the item being digitized.

**Grant:** 08- WRH -004 **Award:** \$9,890.00  
**Organization:** Ellensburg Public Library  
**Title:** Ellensburg Rodeo Historic Photographs, Part 2, and Indians: Kittitas Valley Crossroads Collection

**Abstract:** Ellensburg Public Library staff will describe and digitize approximately 95 more photographs to complete the *Ellensburg Rodeo Historic Photograph Collection* started with the 2007 Rural Heritage grant. The staff will additionally describe and digitize approximately 110 photographs for the new *Indians: Kittitas Valley Crossroads* collection.