

**FY 2014-2015 LSTA Grant Awards**

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News Release

**List of Awarded Projects**

**Total number received: 16**

**Total number funded: 8**

**LSTA dollar amount funded: \$118,714**

**Community Outreach in Public Libraries**

**Title: Mesa County Libraries Business Connect**

**Amt: \$4,620**

**Type: Public—Mesa County Libraries**

**Summary:** Mesa County Libraries will partner with the Business Incubator Center and the Colorado Small Business Development Center for enhanced services to entrepreneurs and small business owners. They will provide them with education and individualized assistance to improve their business research skills, increase their awareness of library resources, and develop their understanding of basic website and social media requirements of a small business.

**Makerspace in Libraries**

**Title: Collaborating Young Authors in the Springs**

**Amt: \$15,049**

**Type: School—Explorer Elementary, Academy School District #20, Colorado Springs**

**Summary:** Explorer Elementary is implementing several initiatives to develop their students' 21<sup>st</sup> century and writing skills. Focusing on collaboration, the Makerspace philosophy is expanding throughout the curriculum. Best practices are being integrated with research, invention, project-based learning, and other collaborative critical thinking and communication activities connected to writing. The library needs to add the use of both hands-on and digital collaborative tools embedded as a natural extension of the student workflow. These will allow their PK-5 regular and special needs students to experience the magic that respectful collaboration brings not only to the writing process, but also to lifelong learning.

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**Title: STREAM Lab**

**Amt: \$19,949**

**Type: Public—Poudre River Public Library**

**Summary:** STREAM Lab will be a maker space located at the Northside Aztlan Center in Fort Collins. STREAM Lab programming (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, and Math) will focus on the following staff-led activities: e-textiles, robotic programming, coding, and 3D scanning and printing. Grant funding from LSTA will enable this partnership to expand and will address a need in the community for after-school educational programs and activities for low-income and Latino youth residing in north Fort Collins.

## Community Outreach to Special Populations Through Libraries

**Title:** Carrito Librito — The Little Book Cart Early Literacy Outreach Project      **Amt:** \$18,825

**Type:** Public — Denver Public Library

**Summary:** The Denver Public Library (DPL) has a history of responding to community needs by providing well-designed, effective programs, activities and services for all segments of their city's diverse population and for all age groups. One population that is too often underserved is Denver's growing Latino community, especially children ages birth-three years and their parents. Although DPL offers programs and services specifically for these families, it has been very challenging to engage them in using the Library and its resources. The Carrito Librito project is designed to meet these families face to face with a small ice cream-style push cart loaded with books, DPL information, craft activities and snacks. Visitors will be encouraged to take advantage of the multitude of free services available at Denver Public Library.

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**Title:** JCPL Digital U

**Amt:** \$ 17,353

**Type:** Public—Jefferson County Public Library

**Summary:** Jefferson County Public Library in partnership with the Senior Resource Center, Bridges to Opportunity, and Metro West Housing Solutions, will assemble a mobile fleet of laptops and devices – JCPL Digital U – that can be transported to convenient locations county-wide, including six libraries, as well as senior centers, homeless shelters, and partners' community centers, where library professionals and trained volunteers will teach computer and technology classes. JCPL Digital U will benefit county residents who are considered "digital immigrants," or those lacking the technical skills to compete in the current job market or navigate the digital world.

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**Title:** Linking Latinos to the Library

**Amt:** \$12,400

**Type:** Public—Montrose Regional Library District

**Summary:** The Montrose Regional Library will link Latinos to the Library by: offering two six-week series of computer classes; leading nine months of weekly citizenship classes; training citizenship tutors to help naturalization class participants and others pass the citizenship test; training "conversation partners" to help Spanish speakers learn English; organizing at least six general interest programs; and holding a Dia de los Muertos celebration.

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**Title:** Operation Integration: Language, Literacy and Learning

**Amt:** \$11,608

**Type:** Public — Pueblo City County Library District

**Summary:** Pueblo City-County Library District is offering a new, robust program called Operation Integration – expanding PCCLD's English Language Learner program from 40 students to 60 and offering a complementing bilingual (Spanish/English) computer basics series. Operation Integration provides participants with language development, adult literacy, digital literacy and life-long learning. The program will be free and open to the public.

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**Title:** Pine River Library "Heritage Hub"

**Amt:** \$18,910

**Type:** Public—Pine River Library, Bayfield

**Summary:** The "Heritage Hub" will provide seniors in the Bayfield, Colorado area a chance to record, edit, and preserve their personal histories. At the same time, the experience will provide seniors a chance to practice a variety of technology based tasks. Participants will improve their digital literacy skills, while the library strengthens their relationship with the Pine River Senior Center. Using the "Heritage Hub" project as an avenue to forge new partnerships, the project will give the two entities a chance to examine ways of increasing and streamlining services for the local aging population.

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