

Library Services and Technology Act FY 2009 Funded Projects

Library Projects

Organization:	Broward County Division of Libraries
Category:	Access for Persons Having Difficulty Using Libraries
Project Name:	The Literacy Help Center
Amount:	\$152,572
Population to be Served:	28,800
Area Served:	Broward County
Summary:	Broward County Library's Literacy Help Center provides an environment for underserved area youth and adults, offering literacy improvement opportunities, as well as increased use of and access to computer technology. With a pilot project beginning in 2009, the Library is expanding to four additional locations during the 2010 fiscal year. The Broward County Library provides literacy support in the form of part-time staff, and laptop computers and software at four sites having the highest need for literacy services.

Organization: Bureau of Braille and Talking Book Services
Category: Access for Persons Having Difficulty Using Libraries
Project Name: Digital Program
Amount: \$80,000
Population to be Served: 38,556
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: The Bureau of Braille and Talking Book Library Services has recorded more than 3,000 books and distributed them in analog cassette format over the last 20 years. This locally recorded collection is not available in the national talking book collections. The production of this analog cassette format is being phased out and will soon no longer be a viable option for talking books.

The Digital Program transfers these analog cassette books to a digital format that conforms to industrial standards and is approved by the National Library of the Blind (Library of Congress), and makes them available for circulation to Florida Talking Book customers.

Organization: Jacksonville Public Library
Category: Access for Persons Having Difficulty Using Libraries
Project Name: Expanding Horizons Adult Literacy Project
Amount: \$78,512
Population to be Served: 600
Area Served: Duval County
Summary: The Center for Adult Learning (CAL) provides training to adult learners in the use of technology and distance learning programs. However, the CAL is able to directly serve a finite number of customers with paid staff. The Expanding Horizons Adult Literacy Project targets tutor recruitment and training among community organizations and faith-based groups that may already have both the volunteers and space to support services to adult learners.

The project also supports walk-in clinics and workshops for lower-level adult learners who need individualized assistance to access Web-based instruction and perform online job-related activities; CAL is a Florida Ready for Work Assessment Center. Florida Ready to Work is a new employee credentialing program that tests—and scores—job skills and work habits. Florida Ready to Work is administered by the Florida Department of Education, Division of Workforce Education, in cooperation with the Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation. In addition, this grant project provides personnel needed to facilitate consistent outreach efforts to Matrix House, a facility housing non-violent drug offenders, and to the Salvation Army’s residential treatment facility.

Organization: Monroe County Public Library System
Category: Access for Persons Having Difficulty Using Libraries
Project Name: Southernmost Literacy Book Club
Amount: \$9,999
Population to be Served: 5,920
Area Served: Monroe County
Summary: The Southernmost Literacy Book Club builds on the foundation created by a 2002 LSTA grant, which sets up intake for Literacy Volunteers of America (LVA) at five Monroe County Public Library sites. This project targets adult learners lacking English literacy skills by combining three synergistic components: Literature through Literacy, Pictures and Stories, and Literary Luminaries.

The Literature through Literacy component brings local poets, writers, and story tellers to the Key West Library to present and share their work to the target audience. The Pictures and Stories component uses the writing tool in the *Florida Memory Program's* Online Classroom to encourage and enhance writing skills. The Literary Luminaries component is an adaptation of the *Read and Write Around Florida* model, offering traditional library programming to adults learning English. These three programs are designed around the interests and proficiencies of new LVA participants and other learners, and are presented at a level they may understand and appreciate. This program will also encourage both new and existing library customers to use Monroe County Public Library resources.

Organization: Polk County Library Cooperative
Category: Access for Persons Having Difficulty Using Libraries
Project Name: Bringing Library Services to Northridge
Amount: \$176,415
Population to be Served: 94,000
Area Served: Polk County
Summary: This project provides a library service outlet to the 94,000 residents of the Northridge section of Polk County, bringing public library service to this underserved area. In this project, the Polk County Library Cooperative converts a 5,000-square-foot unfinished storefront unit into an express branch library, open 45 hours per week, with best sellers, DVDs, books on CD, computers, Wi-Fi, and a pick-up location for the holdings of all the other Cooperative Libraries (with delivery five days a week). An Outreach Services Librarian oversees the project and assists in getting the new facility started, while the branch is staffed with a branch manager, two library assistants, and three library technicians.

The main focus of the library will be its number of computers and Wi-Fi connectivity. Because one segment of the community served is visitors from all over the world on vacation, the idea is to make sure there are terminals available for checking e-mail and printing airline reservations, as well as for local community users doing homework, filing for food stamps, or checking the stock market.

Organization: Saint Johns County Public Library
Category: Access for Persons Having Difficulty Using Libraries
Project Name: The Library Express Outreach (LEO) Project
Amount: \$63,850
Population to be Served: 9,178
Area Served: Saint Johns County
Summary: The project targets Saint Johns County residents of all ages who have difficulty using the library due to:

- distance from the closest branch;
- age or physical challenges (e.g., seniors in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult day care centers, senior residential communities, and senior congregate meals/activities centers);
- families who live more than a 15-20 minute drive from a branch; and
- youth in “at risk” after-school centers and other youth-serving centers located in predominately low-income, undereducated inner-city and rural communities.

The purpose of the project is to reduce and eliminate barriers to using library services due to socio-economic condition, geographic location, age, limited education, physical challenges, and/or lack of transportation. This project includes access to:

- two bookmobiles;
- books-by-mail;
- six honor paperback reading exchange depots;
- 18 rotating deposit collections;
- special outreach programming; and
- use of trained volunteers to serve nine afterschool centers, 18 licensed day care centers, five recreation and parks centers, three year-round community centers, one high school serving new and expecting teen mothers, one public elementary afterschool program, one Adult and Family Literacy Center, and 27 senior-serving facilities.

Organization: Sarasota County Library System
Category: Access for Persons Having Difficulty Using Libraries
Project Name: A New Vision: Strengthening Sarasota County's Youth
Amount: \$69,345
Population to be Served: 62,572
Area Served: Sarasota County
Summary: The project is the result of a planning process to reshape library services by optimizing the available resources. The purpose of the program is to enable the library system to effectively contribute to the achievement of significant outcomes for youth, families, and the community.

There is a strong emphasis on outreach to develop opportunities for people not currently using libraries. Objectives were selected with attention to the evolving needs of the community (library users and potential users) and research of "best practices" strategies to meet those needs. With the support of a Youth Services Coordinator, library system employees, and county personnel, and through collaboration with community partners, the Youth Services Team will act to more effectively serve children, young adults, and families of Sarasota County.

Organization: Gadsden County Public Library System
Category: Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name: Technology Enhancement Project
Amount: \$36,000
Population to be Served: 36,144
Area Served: Gadsden County
Summary: The Gadsden County Public Library's project enhances their technology and accessibility by adding wireless Internet access and 15 laptops to their three libraries. These support the heavily used computer lab and give patrons more access to a computer while at the library, as well as allowing for personalized training.

Quarterly computer literacy courses are held at each library; software on the laptops includes tutorials in Spanish. Among the many services accessed by the patrons are government services, job searches, and online courses. Providing wireless Internet access coincides with the use of the laptops, but also provides much needed service to patrons who have their own laptops.

Organization: Hialeah Public Libraries
Category: Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name: E-government E-mpowerment
Amount: \$96,680
Population to be Served: 110,000
Area Served: City of Hialeah
Summary: The Hialeah Library’s “E-government E-mpowerment” project provides technology and E-government training to residents of the City of Hialeah. The project provides 10 laptops that are dedicated to E-government access and wireless Internet access to two branches of the Hialeah Public Libraries. The addition of dedicated stations and secure wireless connectivity to the facilities will provide access to residents in the most heavily populated and impoverished areas of the city.

Organization: Martin County Library System
Category: Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name: Using Technology to Alleviate Staff Shortages
Amount: \$172,300
Population to be Served: 20,000
Area Served: Martin County
Summary: Martin County Library System is using technology to alleviate staff shortages by implementing radio-frequency identification (RFID) technology in the Peter & Julie Cumming Library. The project places RFID tags in all the library materials, adds RFID equipment, provides security for library materials, and allows automated discharging/sorting of library materials. The major benefit for library patrons is an increase in staff availability to assist them with their critical needs in accessing E-government services, job searching/résumé writing, financial management, computer classes, etc. An additional benefit to library patrons is a simple, efficient, and fast check-out, thereby reducing waiting time.

Organization: Mote Marine Laboratory
Category: Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name: Windows into Florida's Coastal Environment
Amount: \$87,146
Population to be Served: 1,700,000
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: The Mote Marine Laboratory owns unique and scientifically irreplaceable collections of thousands of records of southwest Florida's ecological and environmental conditions. Some documents in the Bass Biological Lab collection were produced between 1931 and 1944, and contain empirical field data; authoritative species identifications; and accounts of hurricanes, droughts, red tides, and other environmental phenomena. The Mote Technical Reports are research reports written by Mote Marine staff, beginning in the 1950s.

This project digitizes, catalogs, and uploads documents from these two collections onto Mote Marine's Web-based Institutional Repository. The Mote Marine lab utilizes their education component at the Aquarium to train high school teachers in the use of these materials. Once these materials are accessible, a scientific assessment will be possible for the first time, which will help Floridians work with nature instead of against it during the continuing challenges of climate change.

Organization: New River Public Library Cooperative
Category: Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name: Training, continued
Amount: \$28,284
Population to be Served: 65,132
Area Served: Baker, Bradford, and Union counties
Summary: The “Training, continued” project extends the hands-on computer training begun last year by the New River Public Library Cooperative. The project uses a “mobile computer training lab” to travel to member libraries of the New River Public Library Cooperative, which covers a three-county area. The target audience consists of both children and adults. Adult classes cover both basic and intermediate computer use skills, job skills, and information on accessing E-government services. Children of school age are individually educated in safe computer and Internet use.

The New River Public Library Cooperative supervises the project for all three member libraries and provides the hired teacher for the hands-on workshops. The Cooperative also subscribes to and utilizes “Learning Express Library,” an online subscription database that offers skill building and practice tests for students of all ages in the areas of reading comprehension, writing and grammar, math skills, business writing, help with specific job skills, and preparation for U.S. Citizenship.

Organization: North Palm Beach Public Library
Category: Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name: Migration to SIRSI Integrated Library System
Amount: \$31,500
Population to be Served: 98,888
Area Served: Village of North Palm Beach
Summary: The purpose of this project is to enable the North Palm Beach Public Library to acquire a new integrated library automation system: SirsiDynix Unicorn. The Library currently uses Sagebrush. The operational limits of Sagebrush do not make an upgrade a good option; the system is designed for use in elementary/middle schools.

The SirsiDynix system is designed specifically for public libraries and offers the robust features not available on the current system. Acquisition of SirsiDynix would be through membership in the Cooperative Authority for Library Automation (COALA). Membership would serve two purposes:

- Facilitating sharing of resources with other member libraries (North Palm Beach Public Library patrons will be able to access the holdings of Boynton Beach, Delray Beach, Palm Springs, and Lake Park, while members of those libraries will have access to the North Palm Beach Public Library's collections); and
- By being a node on an existing SirsiDynix system, the Library would not be incurring the costs of a stand-alone automation system.

Organization: Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System
Category: Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name: ILS ‘Symphony’ of Services for Citizens
Amount: \$37,390
Population to be Served: 70,336
Area Served: Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson, and Washington counties
Summary: The Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System (PPLCS) grant improves and updates the integrated library system (ILS) services to PPLCS’ member county library residents by moving its SirsiDynix Unicorn ILS system, with WebCat public access Web client, off-site to a fully hosted “Systems as a Service” (SaaS). The SaaS site is designed to provide a fully functional server, portal server, and Unicorn software implementation without the Cooperative having to purchase, install, administer, upgrade, and maintain servers and environment. Additionally, within 45-60 days of SaaS implementation, the Unicorn software will be upgraded to the new enhanced SirsiDynix Symphony software with the iBistro public access Web client, resulting in improved services to county residents.

Organization: Pasco County Public Library Cooperative
Category: Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name: Pasco County E-Government Initiative
Amount: \$76,023
Population to be Served: 462,715
Area Served: Pasco County
Summary: This project enables the Pasco County Library Cooperative to continue to expand E-government services to Pasco County residents. It is done through outreach to residents who live in areas where library services and/or Internet services are limited or not available. It provides programs and workshops at library branches and outreach locations on how to access and complete E-government forms. It also includes the development of a Web portal for residents to easily access E-government information, and creates training tutorials to assist staff in delivering effective E-government services to residents.

Organization: University of Florida Libraries
Category: Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name: Phase III - From the Air: The Photographic Record of Florida's Lands
Amount: \$67,008
Population to be Served: 2,000,000
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: This project of the University of Florida Libraries digitizes and makes available U.S. Department of Agriculture aerial photographs of Florida from 1971 to 1990. During the first two phases of this project, 84,000 historic Florida aerial photo tiles captured between 1937 and 1970 were scanned, the image quality was enhanced, and the derivative Web-friendly formats were created. Phase III expands the digital photographic aerial collection to include 1971-1990 images; expands the technology infrastructure to include a file server that permits users to independently download images and adds an advanced GIS data server; and creates a new user-friendly interface using Google API.

This project upgrades and enhances the storage and serving capacity of the system in order to support the additional 13,500 images and Google maps API. Keyword and place name searching are now available. Additionally, users are able to freely download images in a jpg2000 format. School focus groups and user surveys direct the design of the new mapping interface. Educational resources from the previous phases are revised and expanded to assist collection use by researchers and the public. This project makes a total of 100,000 historic aerial images available freely for public use and provides the infrastructure for future development of a statewide repository of historic Florida aerials.

Organization: Wilderness Coast Public Libraries (WILD)
Category: Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name: Training for the 21st Century - Year 2
Amount: \$45,725
Population to be Served: 1,080
Area Served: Franklin, Jefferson, and Wakulla counties
Summary: This project expands upon Year 1 training capabilities in Franklin, Jefferson, and Wakulla county libraries. Wilderness Coast Public Libraries (WILD) uses this grant to purchase software and hardware that enables the libraries' SMARTBoards to perform live Web conferencing and to pay for contractual trainer hours for the benefit of library patrons. One popular example of a course being taught to patrons using the SMARTBoard is a six-week Genealogy course that is being held at the Franklin County Public Library's Carrabelle Branch.

Others teach patrons how to use Adobe Photoshop and Microsoft PowerPoint; computer basics and file management; how to write a résumé or cover letter; and how to search for a job online. The use of the SMARTBoard, wireless microphone, and mixer allow the classes to be recorded and saved for future use by patrons.

Multitype Library Cooperative Projects

Organization:	Northeast Florida Library Information Network
Category:	Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name:	NEFLIN Services Promote Excellence
Amount:	\$210,000
Population to be Served:	2,323
Area Served:	Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Marion, Nassau, Putnam, Saint Johns, Sumter, Suwannee, and Union counties
Summary:	<p>This grant provides services that promote excellence in NEFLIN's member libraries and the communities they serve. NEFLIN provides training for member library staff through both face-to-face workshops and online Webinars. These workshops cover a wide variety of topics that assist staff with incorporating Web 2.0 technology into their services, understanding how to use social networking tools, and assisting patrons with using public access computers. Other courses are designed for paraprofessionals who directly provide service to library users, and for managers, supervisors, and administrators who may be new in their positions or would like tips on more effective library service.</p>

Organization: Panhandle Library Access Network
Category: Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name: PLAN - Connecting People and Information through Cooperation
Amount: \$225,310
Population to be Served: 653,673
Area Served: Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Taylor, Wakulla, Walton, and Washington counties
Summary: This Panhandle Library Access Network (PLAN) grant targets library patrons and citizens of the Florida Panhandle. “Connecting People and Information through Cooperation” is accomplished through a two step process. First, PLAN provides train-the-trainer opportunities and support to library staff in the Florida Panhandle. Second, the trained staff members work directly with their patrons.

The public can only learn to use technology to gain information if certain necessary conditions and prerequisites are in place (i.e., hardware, networks, connectivity, software, content, and trained staff). Through this grant, the PLAN Technology Specialist works with member libraries to conduct technology assessments for individual and networked libraries, develop or review plans for technical configuration, install new hardware, and troubleshoot old hardware.

Organization: Southeast Florida Library Information Network
Category: Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name: Greater Use – Greater Challenges: Meeting the Needs of Library Users through Staff Training
Amount: \$148,645
Population to be Served: 2,717,224
Area Served: Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach counties
Summary: SEFLIN’s “Greater Use – Greater Challenges: Meeting the Needs of Library Users through Staff Training” project will ultimately benefit library users by meeting the training needs of library staff. SEFLIN’s training enhances the skills and knowledge of library staff to assist patrons in using technology such as the Internet, mobile devices, and databases to find information. Many of the sessions in technology use focus on how to work with patrons in regards to E-government. Training in collections, circulation, and reference services are also a part of this grant. Group learning sessions in a classroom setting are used for training, as are online Webinars and independent studies with SEFLIN trainers and contracted vendors such as Lyris and WebJunction.

Organization: Southwest Florida Library Network
Category: Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name: Outstanding Library Service for Southwest Florida Patrons
Amount: \$122,678
Population to be Served: 631,580
Area Served: Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Lee, and Monroe counties
Summary: A key mission of the Southwest Florida Library Network is to provide the necessary tools to ensure that outstanding library service is provided to the residents and visitors of southwest Florida. This program provides training to library staff so that they can better help the public use technology to access information. Topics include cataloging, resource sharing, and interlibrary loan, as well as the use of electronic databases and online resources. The program provides training in both traditional classrooms throughout southwest Florida and area technology labs, as well as through Web-based training by vendors such as Lyris and WebJunction.

Organization: Tampa Bay Library Consortium
Category: Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name: Training Libraries to Serve the Public
Amount: \$142,128
Population to be Served: 4,315,439
Area Served: Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Okeechobee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota counties
Summary: “Training Libraries to Serve the Public” is a comprehensive program of continuing education that provides library staff members in the west central Florida area with training in many subjects. The purpose of the continuing education program is to enable libraries to better serve the public and meet their information needs. Presenting a centralized training program for many librarians also saves time and money.

The workshops are provided both online and face-to-face, using training vendors such as Aha! Seminars, Lyrisis, LE@D, and New Horizons. Topics cover a broad spectrum, including collection development, cataloging, resource sharing, management, customer service, marketing, technology, and E-government. In order to keep abreast of changing technologies, the Tampa Bay Library Consortium is changing out their four-year-old desktop training computers in a 20-seat conference room to 20 portable Netbook computers that can be used anywhere and will consume less power.

Organization: Tampa Bay Library Consortium
Category: Library Technology Connectivity and Services
Project Name: Statewide Resource Sharing: Bringing the FLIN Vision to Reality
Amount: \$100,000
Population to be Served: 18,251,243
Area Served: Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Okeechobee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota counties

Summary: With OCLC’s recent deployment of the WorldCat.org platform, there is a product now available that provides library users with a positive customer experience, and provides libraries with an array of attractive options—including user-initiated borrowing—that they can offer their customers. When used in coordination with OCLC Resource Sharing, the standard interlibrary loan management product, WorldCat.org provides an interlibrary loan system worthy of use by Florida Library Information Network (FLIN) libraries. For libraries with higher volumes of lending, OCLC’s optional Navigator product automates many of the labor intensive interlibrary loan processes and will be attractive to larger libraries.

The Tampa Bay Library Consortium helps libraries statewide optimize their options, and will set up and provide the staff training and support necessary to make sure that libraries and library users get all of the benefits available, helping to bring the Florida library community’s FLIN vision to reality.

Statewide Projects

Organization:	Division of Library and Information Services
Category:	Statewide - Core Division Projects
Project Name:	State Library and Archives of Florida Statewide Resource Sharing and Collection Development
Amount:	\$701,378
Population to be Served:	18,349,132
Area Served:	Statewide
Summary:	<p>The State Library and Archives of Florida provides information services for State of Florida officials and agency employees; supplements the services and collections of libraries throughout Florida through interlibrary loan, resource sharing, reference services, and cataloging of State of Florida documents; and develops its collections to ensure that Floridians have access to information about Florida's past, present, and future.</p>

Resource sharing through interlibrary loan is essential to Florida libraries. It allows libraries statewide to have timely access to accurate and relevant information. The State Library is the library of last resort for interlibrary loan requests from Florida libraries that use OCLC for interlibrary loan. The State Library administers and coordinates FLIN, the Florida Library Information Network. The State Library contracts with OCLC, SirsiDynix, and Re:Discovery for systems support needed for interlibrary loan and resource sharing activities. Activities performed by State Library staff for interlibrary loan and resource sharing include collecting appropriate materials for its special and circulating collections, processing interlibrary loan requests, adding material to the State Library online catalog, verifying the accuracy of State Library holdings information listed in statewide databases, and ensuring that online services are available to on-site and remote users at all times.

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services
Category: Statewide - Core Division Projects
Project Name: Planning, Evaluation, and Statistics Unit
Amount: \$244,172
Population to be Served: 1,897
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: The Planning, Evaluation, and Statistics Unit of the Office of Community Development provides assistance to public libraries, which enables these libraries to provide improved services to their patrons. The Planning, Evaluation, and Statistics Unit works with public libraries to demonstrate the value, effectiveness, and efficiency of libraries in Florida. In 2009-2010, the Planning, Evaluation, and Statistics Unit will continue to collect, publish, and analyze public library data; conduct evaluation activities that will enable grant recipients to evaluate their projects; and maintain and expand the Florida Library and Grants system. Additionally, the Planning, Evaluation, and Statistics Unit will coordinate and facilitate long-range planning activities for public libraries across the state.

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services
Category: Statewide - Core Division Projects
Project Name: LSTA Administration
Amount: \$357,985
Population to be Served: 2,000
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: This project provides for the administration of the LSTA grant program. Components include activities associated with application submission and review, maintenance of official program files, coordination of contracts and grant payments, monitoring and evaluation, compilation and submission of reports and programs to the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and technical assistance to potential applicants and grant recipients.

Organization:	Division of Library and Information Services
Category:	Statewide - Core Division Projects
Project Name:	Expanding Library Services for Access to Information
Amount:	\$1,031,630
Population to be Served:	4,500,000
Area Served:	Statewide
Summary:	<p>Consulting is a core service of the Office of Community Development. Consultants combine skills as technical experts, process facilitators, and program managers. The purpose of this consulting is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to empower local libraries to solve their own problems and improve their own services to the public; • to provide knowledge and expertise that is not available locally; • to develop policies for statewide interlibrary cooperation and resource sharing among all types of local libraries; and • to build trusting relationships and strong lines of communication between local libraries and the Division.

This project provides leadership, planning, and coordination for subject areas or statewide priorities. These statewide programs and local library programs contribute to the fulfillment of the strategic plan for library development in Florida. These include supporting public library involvement in E-government activities, continued development and implementation of the Agency's new strategic long-range plan, and providing Web conferencing for library staff to help them improve services to the public. A facet of this grant includes the WebJunction Community Partnership Program, which provides a new, user-friendly online registration system that would replace the current registration system used by the Office.

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services
Category: Statewide - Division Projects Expanding Public Access
Project Name: Florida Memory Program
Amount: \$205,255
Population to be Served: 18,680,367
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: The Florida Memory Program enhances access to the collections of the State Library and Archives for researchers, teachers, students, and government employees by providing digitized sources of irreplaceable historical Florida resources through Internet workstations in libraries, schools, homes, and businesses. It provides a Web-based structure for primary records that illustrates significant moments in the state's history, provides educational resources for students of all ages, and makes collections available for historical research.

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services
Category: Statewide - Projects Benefiting Florida Libraries
Project Name: Recruitment and Leadership Development
Amount: \$232,147
Population to be Served: 20,000
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: Recruitment and leadership professional development is an essential ongoing goal for the future of library services in Florida. This project plan enables the State Library and Archives to respond to recruitment, succession planning, and leadership development needs for individuals in all types of libraries (public, academic, and special) and at all levels working in Florida's public libraries (emergent leaders, middle managers, directors, new directors, and paraprofessionals), using methods to build professional capacity throughout the year and develop future leaders/new staff employees.

The State Library and Archives will continue the Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute, Florida Library Jobs Web site, Annual Florida Library Directors' meeting for all Florida public library directors, and New Public Library Directors' Orientation for the new directors/assistant directors in the state.

To better meet emerging leadership needs in competitive environments, a new training format using e-learning, including three six-week sessions has been proposed. This year, Leadership Laboratories will replace the Leadership Symposiums.

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services
Category: Statewide - Projects Benefiting Florida Libraries
Project Name: Florida Library Youth Program 2010
Amount: \$229,000
Population to be Served: 2,894,169
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: The statewide Florida Library Youth Program encourages children and their families to use their local public library for both educational and recreational purposes. The goal is to encourage all children, especially those who are economically deprived, to become lifelong readers and library users. The Florida Library Youth Program provides a program manual and supporting materials, regional staff development and training workshops, and travel reimbursement for youth services staff to attend conferences and/or to deliver special programs.

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services
Category: Statewide - Projects Benefiting Florida Libraries
Project Name: The Florida Electronic Library
Amount: \$3,510,818
Population to be Served: 18,089,899
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: The Florida Electronic Library (FEL) is a wide range of electronic information resources, digital content, and online information services organized in a coherent and cohesive manner that can be searched by Florida residents through the World Wide Web. Users are able to retrieve information from libraries statewide through a single search. The FEL complements the print resources in Florida library collections and serves as a gateway to Florida's print resources.

A large component of the FEL is the grouping of databases available. OCLC First Search and Gale make up the majority of the FEL databases, and include:

- the full text of magazines and journals for both general and professional reference, including those that are targeted towards K-12;
- high image quality art images from museums around the world; and
- archival materials.

Florida on Florida, which is sponsored through the FEL, is a catalog of digital materials related to Florida. These include maps, photographs, postcards, books, and manuscripts held by libraries, archives, museums, and historical societies throughout Florida. The FEL also sponsors *Ask a Librarian*, which is the virtual collaborative live reference service for Florida.