

Texas State Library and Archives Commission fiscal year 2012 competitive grant awards list

The following grant awards were approved by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission at the Aug. 12, 2011 commission meeting.

Six Library Cooperation grants, which promote development of public and private partnerships among libraries, civic agencies and community-based organizations:

Bell/Whittington Library – \$20,910

The Ingleside and Bell/Whittington public libraries in Portland will partner with local businesses to provide technology training to senior citizens.

Arlington Public Library System – \$47,017

Arlington and Mansfield public libraries will continue a project to merge their automation systems.

Houston Public Library – \$75,000

E-books For Everyone will develop a comprehensive service model and promotion plan for e-books available to library users.

Smithville Public Library – \$75,000

The Smithville Public Library, Smithville Independent School District and the Smithville Community Network will collaborate on SkillSTAR Texas, a project to develop workforce-oriented training.

Central Texas Library System – \$75,000

The Science Rocks! program will give third- through seventh-graders exposure to science and technology career options through hands-on summer science and math programs.

Weatherford Public Library – \$71,803

Documents and artifacts from several Parker County libraries, museums and historical societies will be digitized as part of the Preserving and Expanding Access to Culture and History project.

Six Special Projects grants, which fund expansion of library services to all members of a library's community and enable libraries to develop programs for special-needs populations. They include:

Brownsville Public Library System – \$75,000

The City of Brownsville and Brownsville Public Library, in collaboration with the United Way of Southern Cameron County, the Brownsville Literacy Center and Workforce

Solutions Cameron, will provide literacy, educational and job training classes to library users.

El Paso Community College – \$50,213

The Jenna Welch and Laura Bush Community Library will expand an Interactive Technology and Family Literacy Program for young children and their parents.

Georgetown Public Library – \$70,000

Georgetown Public Library will operate a bookmobile to provide library materials to seniors and residents with disabilities or limited transportation.

Arlington Public Library System – \$25,104

The system will establish two new Library LiNK sites, expanding services to underserved populations by establishing community libraries in neighborhood schools and recreation centers.

Forest Hill Public Library – \$5,800

The library will enhance storytime programs in English and Spanish.

Gateway to Libraries – \$75,000

Gateway to Libraries, a regional library initiative, will partner rural East Texas libraries with community and nonprofit agencies to increase literacy and services.

Five TexTreasures grants, which provide access to libraries' special or unique holdings and help deliver information about these holdings to all Texans. They include:

University of North Texas – \$17,135

The University of North Texas Libraries and the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History at UT Austin will digitize and provide public access to the earliest Texas newspapers.

National Museum of the Pacific War – \$15,694

The National Museum of the Pacific War will digitize oral histories from Texas veterans of World War II's Pacific Theater and homefront.

Dolph Briscoe Center for American History at UT Austin – \$19,764

The Briscoe Center will continue online development of the Bexar Archives.

Southern Methodist University – \$20,000

SMU will digitize and annotate postcards depicting Texas buildings, people, events and industries.

Texas Archive of the Moving Image – \$24,995

The Texas Archive of the Moving Image, in partnership with the Houston Public Library and the Houston Metropolitan Research Center, will digitize and make accessible a group of historically important, previously unavailable Texas films.

Six Texas Reads grants, which support local libraries' reading and literacy projects.

Wells Branch Community Library – \$2,764

Wells Branch Library will conduct its Everyone Reads program, which encourages families and neighbors to read together.

Muleshoe Area Public Library – \$1,078

The library, in partnership with the Migrant Program at Muleshoe Independent School District, is expanding a summer pre-teen and teen reading program to the full school year.

Pflugerville Public Library – \$3,000

The library will provide a community-wide reading program for all ages.

Cedar Park Public Library – \$1,750

The grant funds Texas Writers for Texas Readers, a program that encourages teens and their peers to read cross-generational books and share their perceptions and feelings.

Haslet Public Library – \$3,000

The Haslet Summer Reading Program will provide reading materials and conduct summer educational and recreational activities.

Aransas County Public Library – \$3,000

Aransas County Public Library will hold a "Teen Read Week" program.

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