

**LSTA Grants Awarded
May 2014**

Racing to Read Grants - \$204,973

Brookfield Public Library - \$4,249

The Library will conduct four Early Literacy Learning programs during June and July targeting low income families with preschool age children. The programs will incorporate story time, singing, reading, dancing, and play to reinforce early literacy techniques.

Camden County Library District - \$9,087

The Library will conduct six weeks of family literacy classes at three locations designed to give parents an introduction to the five skills taught in the Early Literacy Fundamentals workshop. The project will serve approximately seventy-five families of children enrolled in Camden County's public and at-risk preschool programs. The library will also work to develop relationships with child and family agencies serving special needs and at-risk populations in the community.

Cameron Public Library - \$3,776

The Library will conduct four reading readiness sessions including interactive story time, reading fun and family literacy education. The sessions are open to everyone with children ages 2 - 5, but the target families are those who qualify for free or reduced lunch and who have preschool age children that have been identified with developmental delays. Children will be stimulated visually and kinesthetically during the programs while parents are offered tools to use at home to encourage children to learn and to read.

Carrollton Public Library - \$3,121

The Library will provide early literacy skills instruction to parents and caregivers of children living in poverty by scheduling individual family sessions; incorporating early literacy techniques into regularly scheduled story times and outreach visits; and creating an early literacy activity section in the children's library.

Carter County Library - \$10,951

The Library will promote early literacy within the community by holding two family literacy nights at three library locations; creating early literacy sections at each location; and reaching out to agencies in the community that work with families with small children. The family literacy nights will include reading a book, complementary activity tie-ins, and providing a book to each family in attendance so they can practice the skills learned while at home. Early literacy sections will have literacy activities for children and resources for parents.

Cass County Library - \$4,302

The Library will conduct six evening Pajama Story Times and a Racing to Read event at a local Head Start and at a low income housing activity center. Each event will include reading a book, complementary activity tie-ins, and providing a book to each family in attendance so they can practice the skills learned while at home. The project will also add an interactive early literacy section in the children's library to reinforce storytelling, letter recognition and multicultural awareness.

Daniel Boone Regional Library - \$14,995

The Library will hold three early literacy programs, one for families with children in Title I preschools and two open to the public. At each program families will be given a book so parents can practice the skills learned while at home, and an early literacy flip book that can be used to engage in early literacy activities anywhere.

Joplin Public Library - \$8,272

The Library will conduct three family early literacy events; create an early literacy space in the library for children from birth to age six; incorporate early literacy techniques into weekly story times; and enhance the existing early literacy collection. Family early literacy events will be a hands-on program specifically for families with busy toddlers. As a group the participants will listen to a story, sing songs and do rhymes; then each family will be encouraged to explore specially created stations that promote adult-child play that teaches key early literacy skills.

Kirkwood Public Library - \$8,415

The Library will connect children birth through age five and their adult caregivers to a variety of interactive play experiences, technology, story times, and resources that will promote early literacy skills development in children, and greater understanding of those skills by the adults in attendance. This will be accomplished through a series of story times over a ten week period, focusing on a different early literacy skill every two weeks. Weekend "Library Play Dates" will be held for working families to participate and learn early literacy skills through hands-on experience. Participating families will each receive a book and early literacy materials to use at home.

Livingston County Library - \$3,537

The Library will conduct early literacy programs for families at the library and at the local Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) center. Outreach story times where parents will be provided with early literacy tips will be conducted at four local daycares. Literacy education provided to adult caregivers at the library will also include digital literacy instruction. Participating families will each receive a book and early literacy materials to use at home.

Macon Public Library - \$7,393

The Library will conduct three Family Literacy Programs for parents and children birth through age six. Early literacy strategies will be shared and demonstrated and then time will be allowed for parents to practice the skills learned with their child. Each family will be given a book and early literacy materials to continue working on these skills at home. The first program will focus on early literacy activities and how children learn; the second will focus on brain development stages as children grow and learn; and the final program will focus on the effect of writing and early literacy.

McDonald County Library - \$3,820

The Library will hold four family events focusing on early literacy skills. In addition to the family events the library will also hold an early literacy skills training for the local Head Start staff so early literacy skills can be incorporated into their programming. The project will also expand the early literacy collection and program supplies to keep children interested in learning.

Mid-Continent Public Library - \$7,252

The Library will host age appropriate literacy activities for children ages two through thirteen whose parents are attending functional literacy, digital literacy and family literacy classes held in partnership with Literacy KC. Materials to be purchased through the grant include early literacy tablets, manipulatives, and program supplies.

Moniteau County Library - \$6,659

The Library will conduct a nine week early literacy program targeting children birth through age five. Each weekly program will have learning activities for the children; teach parents/caregivers fundamental early literacy skills development strategies; and take home activities for parents to use that will help nurture pre-reading skills in their children.

Neosho / Newton County Library - \$3,261

The Library will promote early literacy within the community by holding five family literacy nights; creating an early literacy section in the library; and reaching out to agencies in the community that work with families with small children. The family literacy nights will share skills taught in the Early Literacy Fundamentals workshop with parents and caregivers. The early literacy section will have literacy activities for children and resources for parents.

Polk County Library - \$8,749

The Library will promote early literacy within the community by holding family literacy nights; creating an early literacy corner in the library; and reaching out to agencies in the community that work with families with small children. The family literacy nights will include a story read with the techniques learned at the Early Literacy Fundamentals workshop; crafts and activities corresponding to the story; and books for families to keep so adult caregivers can practice the skills learned while at home. The early literacy section will have literacy activities for children and resources for parents.

Riverside Regional Library - \$2,975

The Library will promote early literacy within the community by holding six family literacy nights, creating an early literacy section in the library and reaching out to agencies in the community that work with families with small children. The family literacy nights will share skills taught in the Early Literacy Fundamentals workshop with parents and caregivers. The early literacy section will have literacy activities for children and resources for parents.

Robertson Memorial Library - \$3,247

The Library will hold nine early literacy events to connect families to age-appropriate literacy programming, workshops, and materials designed to foster pre-reading skills and future school success. The project will also add an interactive early literacy section in the children's library designed to engage young children in building early literacy skills.

Rolla Public Library - \$3,498

The Library will offer five early literacy programs that will demonstrate early literacy techniques through story and complementary activities. Families will be given a book and early literacy materials to take home to encourage them to continue to practice and use the techniques learned.

Salem Public Library - \$3,967

The Library will conduct three family early literacy events and create an interactive early literacy section in the library. Families will be given a book and early literacy materials to take home to encourage them to continue to practice and use the techniques learned.

Scenic Regional Library - \$6,844

The Library will conduct parent sessions on how to incorporate the early literacy skills taught in the Early Literacy Fundamental workshop into everyday activities. The library will also host story times that focus on a different skill each week and the use of constructive play. Each family who attends will receive a book and early literacy skill cards to encourage them to continue to practice and use the techniques learned.

Springfield-Greene County Library District - \$17,215

The Library will conduct early literacy programs targeting families whose children are at the highest risk of not starting school ready to learn. Library personnel will hold story times and activities that build early literacy skills at Kindergarten Camps, Missouri Hotel, Salvation Army Family Enrichment Center and Harmony House. Bilingual interactive early literacy programs will be held at several library branches to reach patrons learning English.

St. Charles City-County Library District - \$16,004

The Library will conduct three family early literacy events incorporating early literacy kits that utilize the five practices that lead to reading readiness. Early literacy tablets will be purchased for the branches that do not have the space for early literacy computers so each branch can offer a similar early literacy section for patrons.

St. Joseph Public Library - \$10,028

The Library will promote early literacy within the community by holding six family literacy sessions; creating an early literacy section in the library; and reaching out to agencies in the community that work with families with small children. The family literacy nights will share skills taught in the Early Literacy Fundamentals workshop with parents and caregivers. The early literacy section will provide families access to technology, materials and programs that promote early literacy skill building.

St. Louis County Library - \$11,782

The Library will install pre-literacy activity panels to engage children and parents in educational play that will reinforce pre-literacy skills. Early literacy skills will continue to be shared with families through Create a Reader workshops and Bubble Mania Lap Time programs. Each family attending the workshop or lap time program will receive a book and early literacy materials to take home to encourage caregivers to practice and use the techniques learned.

St. Louis Public Library - \$15,585

Three branches with limited space will test early literacy tablets, digital story times, expand their early literacy collections, and offer “Getting Ready to Read” events to introduce parents to Every Child Ready to Read / Racing to Read principles and skills. Grant funds will also be used to purchase imaginative play items—such as puppets, blocks, and dramatic play kits—that encourage early literacy skills development, for use at full service libraries.

University City Public Library - \$5,989

The Library will develop four early literacy story times that will utilize concepts taught in the Early Literacy Fundamentals workshop. Families that participate in these story times will each receive a book and early literacy materials to take home to encourage caregivers to practice and use the techniques learned. Additionally, the Library will improve services by adding early literacy computers and expanding the early literacy collection.