# 2023-2024 LSTA grant abstracts

## Community Engagement

Appalachian Regional Library

Watauga Mobile Library                    Awarded: $34832

The Watauga Mobile Library project will provide direct library services to under-served populations in Watauga County which includes the elderly, homebound, those in elder care facilities and people at a substantial distance to one of our physical libraries. This new vehicle will deliver our existing and newly planned services to this under-served population. The regional library's LSTA-funded 5-year plan, completed in 2021, cites outreach to under-served communities as a priority goal for both libraries in Watauga County. The library will continue services to the homebound, those at elder care facilities and also reach rural schools and people at community events by expanding our outreach.

Carteret County Public Libraries

Mobile Maker Lab                    Awarded: $28686

Carteret County Public Library System (CCPL) began live, in-person programming in June 2022 for the first time since the inception of the system in July 2020. Our patrons routinely request Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math programs, which CCPL does not yet offer. With the funds awarded by this grant, the library plans to purchase items that will travel between its branches. These items include a 3D Printer Lab, Green Screen Lab, Sewing Lab, and an Explorers Lab. The program aims to address a gap in technical programming available to library patrons, specifically focusing on STEAM-related subjects for school-age children and senior citizens. In addition, CCPL and Carteret County can offer unique programming and engaging learning experiences through the Mobile Maker Lab.

Chapel Hill Public Library

Navigating NC Driver's License Processes                    Awarded: $29200

This project will help adults with limited-English proficiency (LEP) apply for a driver's license in NC. Chapel Hill Public Library staff, in collaboration with other Town Departments and members of the Refugee Community Partnership, will engage local immigrant and refugee community members to design, produce, & distribute a series of short videos & supplementary materials that outline driver's license requirements, highlight resources, & provide tips to navigating the process of getting a license. The series will feature local community members speaking their preferred language. The finished products will be available for streaming or download via the library website and may be shared with other public libraries and community groups across N.C.

Durham County Library

Teaching Technology: The Cutting Edge Made Mobile                    Awarded: $38000

Through Teaching Technology: The Cutting Edge Made Mobile, Durham County Library will assist in bridging the digital divide in Durham by bringing programs, services, and resources outside the walls of the library and into the community through utilization of the Tech Mobile. The goals of the project include increased access to information technology for the community and hands-on experience with

and learning of diverse, cutting-edge technology for all ages. Updated devices and new cutting-edge technology with supplementary curriculum for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics based outreach events will allow the Tech Mobile to expand and improve services and programs to the community, focusing specifically on vulnerable and historically underserved groups and individuals.

Gaston County Public Library

Outreach Van Upfit                     Awarded: $8000

In 2023 Gaston County Public Library (GCPL) will be receiving an outreach van in order to expand library services to underserved areas. An upfit will provide GCPL with essential storage needs and supplies to engage in diverse outreach programs to meet community needs. Supplies supporting technology, early literacy, and hands-on learning will ensure that staff can provide programming at any location. Access to an upfitted mobile unit will actively support our strategic goals for early literacy, digital literacy, and inclusivity. We will expand outreach capacity while strengthening partnerships. The mobile materials will allow GCPL to provide storytimes in parks, technology programming at county buildings, hands-on learning at afterschool centers, and will expand reach to underserved areas.

Haywood County Public Library

Canton Recreation Park Literacy Walk                     Awarded: $6576

The Haywood County Public Library will partner with the Town of Canton and the Pigeon River Garden Club to install a literacy walk as part of the new community orchard and garden project planned for the Canton Recreation Park. Grant funds will enable the establishment of a story walk, which will promote early literacy skills and will encourage people of all ages to engage in physical activity. Picture books on display will cover topics such as gardening and healthy eating, to encourage all ages to read and learn together while strolling through the park. The Literacy Walk will begin at the entrance of the park, just over a half mile walk from the Canton branch of the Haywood County Public Library, enabling a connection with the community outside library walls.

Iredell County Public Library

Iredell County Public Library On Wheels                     Awarded: $100000

The Iredell County Public Library proposes to add a mobile library to its existing outreach services. The mobile library will be equipped with materials and technology resources and staffed by trained professionals that will serve community members that experience barriers to accessing traditional library services. The mobile library will deliver outreach services and materials to daycare centers, afterschool programs, assisted living and senior centers, and will serve as a mobile hotspot, providing digital information and instruction on technological literacy to patrons who cannot take advantage of traditional in-library services. By combining library, county, and community resources, the mobile library will serve as a county-wide resource center, reducing barriers and increasing access.

Lincoln County Public Library

At the Table: Healthy Habits & Community Wellness                     Awarded: $41339

Lincoln County Public Library and Lincoln County Health Department are teaming up to provide healthy eating and food literacy programs as part of a new initiative At the Table: Healthy Habits & Community

Wellness. This involves hosting healthy cooking and nutrition classes for adults, teens and children. Programs will be designed to provide nutrition education, help participants develop essential life skills, and encourage cultural literacy. Classes will consist of demonstrations, hands on activities and taste tests to support participants developing the skills needed to implement healthy eating habits. The program will focus on maintaining a balanced diet, meal planning, food budgets, healthy cooking fundamentals and methods, smart substitutions, and cooking for special dietary needs.

Neuse Regional Library

SenseSationalStorytime & Multi-Sensory Environment          Awarded: $30805

Neuse Regional Libraries will increase inclusivity and accessibility through the implementation of sensory-enhanced storytimes to help improve cognitive function, emotional development, and social and motor skills in participants.  Additionally, the Library will support free play through a multi-sensory environment (MSE) that welcomes children and young adults and their families to engage in a safe and comfortable space that encourages as little or as much stimulation as desired at the Kinston-Lenoir County Public Library.  The development of sensory-enhanced storytimes by trained staff and an MSE will create healthy places for participants, parents, and caregivers to connect with one another and build lasting relationships through shared reading and play experiences.

Neuse Regional Library

Mind Over Matter                    Awarded: $42655

Neuse Regional Libraries will implement a series of programs to address community mental health issues and expand access to social services. Health care professionals will lead discussions on topics such as depression, anxiety, substance abuse, and sleep deprivation. A full-time social worker will be hired to connect community members with resources that will help them access mental health services and other important social services. This position will also help lead the Let's Connect initiative, an existing pilot program which utilizes social work interns from East Carolina University and was created in response to the strain COVID-19 placed on rural communities that were already struggling. Computers and hotspots will be purchased to encourage both on-site and off-site participation.

North Carolina A&T State University, F. D. Bluford Library

Open Educational Resources Syllabus Review Service                    Awarded: $31902

This project will collect syllabi from instructors in the university's Extended Campus program and evaluate the cost of their courses based on the required materials. Each instructor will be provided with free or low-cost alternatives to their course materials, which could include Open Educational Resources or materials licensed by the library. The library will maintain a collection of low-cost course syllabi in N.C. A&T's institutional repository, Aggie Digital Collections & Scholarship, which is hosted on the Digital Commons platform. This collection will help other instructors at N.C. A&T and beyond identify lower-cost course materials. The results of this pilot will be used to create a toolkit to allow for replication, both for other departments at N.C. A&T and for other institutions.

North Carolina A&T State University, F. D. Bluford Library

Digital Navigator Program                    Awarded: $99891

F.D. Bluford Library seeks to create a digital navigator pilot program in partnership with the university's TRIO Programs, federal outreach and student services programs designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. The library will hire and train students from TRIO to serve as digital navigators to students who utilize the library's current laptop loan program. The digital navigators will help students access low-cost internet options such as the Affordable Connectivity Plan and digital skills training. This program will be housed in the library and will support the expansion current laptop loan program. Special lending consideration will be given to TRIO participants with grant-funded laptops.

Pettigrew Regional Library

Keeping our Libraries and Citizens Safe                    Awarded: $7083

Pettigrew Regional Libraries will offer emergency medical training in their libraries for its residents. The programs will be available for children and adults and will train residents on what to do in an emergency, such as calling 911, basic first aid, administering Narcan, and CPR training. Additionally, the library will be equipped with AED machines and trauma kits.

Wake Technical Community College Libraries

Wake Tech Beltline Education Center Library Space                    Awarded: $100000

The Wake Tech Library Services and Individualized Learning Center project at the Beltline Education Center will repurpose a room to create a library space to provide tutoring and supportive services to Workforce Continuing Education (non-credit) students, with a special focus on College and Career Readiness students. The new library site will be a one-stop hub where students will access library devices and resources, professional tutoring, and other activities to increase student engagement. Major critical project outcomes include developing the library space and boosting students' awareness of library and academic resources. Establishing library and expert tutoring services will provide non-credit students with the same equitable resources as their for-credit (Curriculum Education) peers.

Warren County Memorial Library

Warren County Memorial Library Storywalk                    Awarded: $16968

Warren County Memorial Library's StoryWalk project will provide a fun intergenerational literacy opportunity in Warren County. In partnership with the Warren County Parks & Recreation department and in celebration of the Year of the Trail, this project will create outdoor learning spaces at 2 parks in Warren County. Families will engage in sensory and nature exploration that will encourage them to enjoy the outdoors, provide an opportunity for physical activity and foster a love of reading. Stories will be selected that spark imagination, build vocabulary, develop social and emotional skills, and involve movement activities. Participants will learn of additional local resources, be encouraged to visit and use the library and parks facilities, get a library card, and attend programs.

Wayne County Public Library

Creative Aging- Wayne County Public Library                    Awarded: $44902

This project is designed to expand library services and promote lifelong learning to older persons ages 55+ through the implementation of the Creative Aging program. Creative Aging is an art education

program specifically designed to serve older persons. Creative aging workshops are hands-on, student-centered, skills-based, sequential, designed to encourage social engagement, led by professional teaching artists.

Wayne County Public Library

Wayne County Public Library Learning Studio                    Awarded: $50000

The Learning Studio is designed for learning loss recovery and equitable information access. The library will re-orient its children's services to provide support, through tools, support groups, and workshops, for families and children who have specific learning differences, dyslexia, or otherwise struggle with reading and writing.

## Equitable Access

Appalachian Regional Library

Wilkes County Library Locker                    Awarded: $35272

The Town of Wilkesboro will collaborate with Wilkes County Public Library as a host for a Library Locker Kiosk.  The locker system will be an extension for the main library, which is located in North Wilkesboro. It will be located in the town's community commons area, nearby Wilkes County Heritage Museum. Locating lockers downtown will be a great convenience to library users and will be an opportunity to decrease barriers to access.

Appalachian Regional Library

Supporting Lactation Through Library Spaces                    Awarded: $22000

The importance of breastfeeding for infant and maternal health is incontrovertible, and much has been done to raise awareness and increase support in maternal health and birthing centers. However, as families return to their homes and routines, they encounter significant barriers to breastfeeding, and many abandon the practice earlier than planned. This may indicate, as noted in the Center for Disease Control's 2022 Breastfeeding Report Card, that "breastfeeding families may need stronger systems of support to reach their breastfeeding goals." Our library aims to be part of the system that supports breastfeeding families by partnering with other organizations to provide a dedicated, convenient lactation space enhanced by resources to encourage families in their breastfeeding journey.

Craven-Pamlico Regional Library

Books and Babies @ Craven-Pamlico Regional Library                    Awarded: $27930

Books and Babies is a Lap time-structured program incorporating story time, singing, reading, dancing, and play to reinforce early literacy techniques in infants, toddlers, and disabled children. The program is developed for parents, legal guardians, grandparents, and caregivers. The grant will provide  52 staff kits to meet babies' and toddlers' exploratory, sensory, and literacy needs. The in-house program kits include 16 board books and interactives (scarves, bells, etc.) for participants and instructors to be shared by the six branches of CPRL in-house. In addition, circulating kits for each story time with bibliographies, reading tips, and instructions for parents and caregivers will be processed in backpacks for each library to expand access.

Elizabeth City State University, G. R. Little Library

Digital Heritage Center Satellite Digitization                Awarded: $87155

The Elizabeth City State University Satellite for the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center allows the Center to expand its capacity and provides a more convenient drop off location for organizations in the eastern part of North Carolina. Staff at the Satellite focus on scanning print newspapers and preparing them to be shared online through DigitalNC.org.

Gaston College

Morris Library Emerging Technologies Lab                Awarded: $100000

The Morris Library Emerging Technologies Lab will enhance the existing learning resources offered to the Gaston College community. The Lab will provide a creative and inclusive learning environment where patrons work independently or in small groups to collaborate, create, learn, and share ideas, focusing on supporting STEM identity-forming experiences through experiential learning opportunities. Located adjacent to the Learning Center and Writing Center in the Morris Library, a central nexus of Gaston College, the project will improve the library's ability to engage students and promote academic and personal success. LSTA funds will be used to purchase small equipment and supplies for the space and will meet the goals of Morris Library's 2018 strategic plan.

Gibsonville Public Library

Gathering a Community History                Awarded: $14660

The Gibsonville Public Library will partner with the Faith Baptist Church and the Gibsonville Museum and Historical Society to gather and share the history of our local Black community.  This project was sparked by a community conversation with members of the Faith Baptist Church during the library's recent planning project. The library will hire a part-time research assistant who will work closely with area churches, local governments, and historical and cultural organizations to connect with the groups and individuals best able to share the pieces of this story. Technology for safely scanning photos and documents as well as recording equipment for collecting oral histories will be purchased.  The library will provide open access to the digital materials produced during this project.

Greensboro College, James Addison Jones Library

Chromebooks for Greensboro College                Awarded: $5068

J. A. Jones Library would like to provide twenty additional Chromebooks for students at Greensboro College in an effort to increase retention and remove barriers that prevent students from completing their assignments due to financial circumstances.  The library will be working with the Office of Student Retention and Engagement and implementing our own marketing campaign to make sure students are aware of the Chromebook rental service that we offer.  This project will provide a more equitable learning environment for all students at Greensboro College.

Mauney Memorial Library

Moss Lake Lending Library                Awarded: $46836

The Moss Lake Lending Library project will place a lending library kiosk and item return drop in the John H. Moss Lake Recreation Park in Kings Mountain. The lending library kiosk will be a new generation digital model that will hold up to 500 physical library materials for checkout. The kiosk will also function as a hotspot that allows patrons to download digital materials from databases that Mauney Library subscribes to. This cost effective, feasible project will expand library accessibility to patrons in an outlier area while promoting the city's recreation center and its resources.

Person County Public Library

Teen Space Initiative                        Awarded: $23000

Person County Public Library's mission is to create a safe and welcoming environment that allows PCPL to build relationships with and between residents in the county. Research supports a need to establish a dedicated teen space in PCPL for current and future teens residing in Person County. The teen space will allow teens to access physical and digital resources, collaborate with peers and PCPL, and express themselves through creative outlets. The library will include teens when creating a teen's space, ensuring that teens become lifelong users, supporters, and friends of the library. This project will enhance the quality of the library experience for teens for decades to come.

Randolph County Public Libraries

Equal Access Tutoring                        Awarded: $28380

Randolph County Public Libraries seek to develop an inclusive program which will address the digital divide and provide educational interventions for all youth patrons. Students are struggling to catch up with academic demands post-pandemic and few families can afford tutoring services. In order to bridge the technology and education gap, our library seeks to create a tutoring lab for students to access live, online tutoring in all school subjects. Our tutoring laptops will be available for in-house tutoring and for check out, paired with hotspots for patrons without internet access. By removing barriers to educational advantages, students will be more equipped to succeed in all school settings, from public and private institutions to homeschool environments.

Rowan Public Library

Podcast Production Studio and Instructional Space                        Awarded: $13465

Rowan Public Library's community will benefit from a dedicated studio space outfitted with professional recording equipment that will provide creative learning opportunities for RPL's patrons. Local organizations and institutions will also be able to utilize the space, providing students, teachers, and others a platform for message delivery they might not otherwise have. Funding will provide the digital audio equipment and materials needed to create the needed space.

Southwestern Community College

Expand Laptop Lending Program                        Awarded: $40677

Southwestern Community College increased it's course offerings that necessitate online or hybrid course work, requiring student access to computers to participate in courses. Lack of access to computers in our service area of Jackson, Macon and Swain counties ranges from 15%-22%. 42-45% of our users have only

a smartphone for accessing the internet. By adding additional laptops, including chargers, backpacks and damage protection the library can better meet this growing student need.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

North Carolina Digital Heritage Center                      Awarded: $620108

The North Carolina Digital Heritage Center supports community engagement and lifelong learning by promoting and increasing access to North Carolina's cultural heritage. The Center does this by digitizing materials from the collections of cultural heritage institutions throughout the state and making them freely accessible online both on DigitalNC and through the Digital Public Library of America. Center staff use their extensive network to connect communities, practitioners, and local history enthusiasts and researchers. The Center is committed to providing low-barrier, flexible, and relevant services that meet the changing needs of North Carolina's cultural heritage institutions.

University of North Carolina at Greensboro

March for Justice                      Awarded: $92535

March for Justice: Documenting the Greensboro Massacre will provide digital access to at least 100 linear feet of material related to the 1979 Greensboro Massacre, an event in which five protestors were murdered by the Ku Klux Klan and neo-nazis. Digitization of the Greensboro Massacre Collection at UNCG and the Greensboro Truth and Reconciliation Collection at Bennett College will provide researchers with access to materials that have been completely or partially unavailable for academic study. The collections span roughly 48 years, from 1973 to 2021 and document events, actions and persons connected with the Greensboro Massacre and the short-term and long-term consequential aftermath for Greensboro as it bears on racism, white supremacy and labor history.

University of North Carolina at Greensboro

People Not Property Expansion Project                      Awarded: $113442

People Not Property - Slave Deeds is a collaborative endeavor led by the University of North Carolina at Greensboro University Libraries in partnership with the North Carolina Division of Archives and Records, registers of deeds across North Carolina, the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, and other cultural heritage organizations. An expansion of the existing Digital Library on American Slavery (http://dlas.uncg.edu/), the project builds a unique centralized database of bills of sales that index the names of enslaved people from across North Carolina and beyond. The database is made freely available via the Internet. People Not Property currently houses material and data from 17 North Carolina counties, and includes over 13,000 documents referencing over 69,000 people.

Warren County Memorial Library

Warren County Memorial Library Migration                      Awarded: $10000

NC Cardinal is a growing consortium of North Carolina public libraries with the goal of sharing resources and expanding opportunities through using a single online catalog. The State Library provides initial startup/migration funding for participating libraries to join the consortium. Hardware, software support, and training contracts are funded by the LSTA Grant.

## Responsive Organizations

### Alamance Community College

Creating the Contemporary Learning Community                     Awarded: $22183

The Contemporary Learning Community (CLC) builds on the recent wave of online education prompted by the Covid pandemic. Two-thirds of the college's courses are now taught in a variety of online formats making attendance more flexible for students and instructors. Community college students seek personalized learning styles due to their busy work/study schedules. With funding, the ACC Library will outfit a new conference space with Hyflex technologies to accommodate interactive and engaging in-person events with a virtual (synchronous) option.

### Appalachian State University

Digital Collaborations in Western North Carolina                 Awarded: $25010

Appalachian State University's Digital Scholarship & Initiatives team (DSI) plan to conduct a needs assessment for the development of digital preservation and access programming for communities/groups/organizations in the western North Carolina (WNC) region. More specifically, the planning consultant will identify and assess the needs of organizations, small businesses, and/or community groups in the WNC region that lack and would benefit from support, training, and professional development in DSI areas of expertise, recommend formats (e.g., in-person workshops, online training resources, etc.) and content areas (e.g., copyright, 3D scanning, etc.) that would best serve the identified groups, and recommend outreach activities to engage these groups.

### Catawba County Library

Oasis Spaces                     Awarded: $49250

The Catawba County Library will install five soundproof office spaces and high quality videoconferencing technology at the Main Library in Newton for all community members needing a quiet space to participate in online education, telehealth, employment, court systems, tutoring, and library programming. These Oasis Spaces will increase the library's institutional capacity and improve the library's physical and technology infrastructure. The library will partner with NC Works to provide workforce development services to the community using one of the Oasis Spaces as a private consultation area. The library will also partner with Kintegra Behavioral Health to make the Oasis Spaces available to their patients for telehealth visits.

### Charlotte Mecklenburg Library

Staffing Assessment Plan                     Awarded: $26250

The Charlotte Mecklenburg Library (CML) will conduct a staffing assessment planning project. There are multiple drivers for this project at this time including inconsistent staffing models across 21 Library locations, a new Main Library opening in 2025 with new expectations for public service, tremendous community growth expected over the next 15 years, COVID-19 impacts, and a program of service that now relies heavily on community outreach and partnerships. For the Library user, this planning project helps ensure that CML optimizes its public service. Data collected and subsequent recommendations

provide a roadmap for increasing access to library services. An external consultant delivers an objective study, achieved through sound business management principles and data analysis.

Cleveland Community College

Evergreen Migration for CC Libraries!                                Awarded: $52353

Cleveland Community College Library, along with its twenty-five community college library partners, will employ a project management team via MOBIUS to plan and migrate the twenty-six libraries to Evergreen, an open-source ILS, and establish a shared ILS model that any community college library in the state can use. The migration process will help strengthen relationships among the participating community college library administrators in order to create lasting partnerships that center around a technologically advanced ILS that better meets the demands of the community colleges' student populations. The Evergreen ILS will provide functionality, such as related discovery services, currently not available to community college libraries.

Cumberland County Public Library

Forward Together:Community-Based Capacity Building                    Awarded: $86600

Forward Together: A Comprehensive Community Based Strategy to Capacity Building at Cumberland County Public Library (CCPL) is a result of a community assessment process as a part of the 2020 Project Long Range Strategic Plan. It found that CCPL's community desired innovative, science and technology programs for youth, schools and families, and collaborative spaces for groups and individuals of all ages. It highlighted the library did not have the spaces or technology to meet these needs. Forward Together will provide innovative programming and active learning spaces.

Elizabeth City State University, G. R. Little Library

G.R. Little Library Modernization and Improvement                     Awarded: $60155

The G.R. Little Library proposes to purchase and install a modern, RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) system for the library's entire physical collection, along with self-checkout stations. A modern, RFID-based system will modernize the library's inventory management system and allow for swift and accurate inventories of the library collection, leading to increased efficiency and accuracy in library operations. Self-checkout stations will lead to improved user experience through increased convenience, privacy, and efficiency. This project will modernize library operations and user experience at the G.R. Little Library.

Gardner-Webb University

Dover Library Teaching Lab                        Awarded: $8000

The goal of this project is to modernize Dover Memorial Library's in-house Teaching Lab in order to create a more flexible, device-friendly teaching space for instructors and a more welcoming learning environment for students.  The Teaching Lab hosts over one hundred instruction sessions per year and is also available to other groups on campus for testing and other events.  It is currently configured to support up to thirty-six users, with the instructor largely tied to the teaching desk in the front of the room.  Funding from this grant would enable librarians and other instructors to teach using a variety of

mobile device types and create a learning environment that allows for more personalized interaction and customization with students across a wide range of class sizes.

McDowell County Public Library

MCPL Strategic Plan 2023-2027                    Awarded: $23475

The McDowell County Public Library System's goal, with the help of a strategic planning consultant, is to develop a community needs assessment that will inform our priorities and goals over the next three to five years. By having a clearer understanding of the needs of the community, we can develop services and resources that will have a greater impact.

Methodist University

Alma Digital for the Methodist University Archives                    Awarded: $7351

Over the years, the Methodist University Archives has digitized thousands of pages and saved thousands of born-digital documents.  With no current public access, the Archives Librarian  has to individually respond to research inquiries from students, faculty, staff, and community researchers regarding to materials in the archives. The Methodist University library recently switched to the Alma library management system.  Alma has a digital assets add-on which would would meet our needs for management, display, and search of our archives materials.

Polk County Public Libraries

Expanding Community Meeting Spaces                    Awarded: $73071

Polk County Public Libraries (PCPL) will improve access to private spaces by adding six booth-style meeting rooms between two locations. Expanding the libraries' meeting spaces to accommodate identified needs within the 2021-2026 Strategic Plan will continue to ensure that vibrant, welcoming, and versatile spaces are available to the community.

Randolph County Public Libraries

Randolph County Public Library Radio Frequency ID                    Awarded: $86839

To improve visitor experiences and increase services to individuals and organizations served by library outreach, the Randolph County Public Library is seeking funding to implement Radio Frequency Identificationtechnology (RFID) throughout the seven-library system. RFID and compatible self-checkout machines will provide library patrons with reduced checkout wait times and offer them service similar to what they havebecome used to in many shopping locations. Saving of staff time also will benefit both in-house library users and those accessing library outreach by freeing staff for more substantive patron interactions. Patrons alsowill benefit from a more efficient experience seeking library materials as a result of more accurate inventory and security control made possible by RFID.

Sandhill Regional Library System

Community Centered Planning                    Awarded: $37500

The Community Centered Planning Grant will allow Sandhill Regional Library System to align library services to reflect the needs of our five-county region.  The library system seeks to work with an

experienced library consultant to facilitate a comprehensive strategic planning process to garner input from library staff, county and regional leadership, community stakeholders, and citizens.  The project will include the development of a Library Strategic Plan to guide community centered services and outcomes that respond to diverse needs of our region.

University of North Carolina School of the Arts

A Room with a View: Public Speakers Forum                    Awarded: $13000

The UNC School of the Arts Library is a public library that supports the needs of our campus community, and those of our immediate geographic communities. The library is one site for the school that helps build capacity for deepened community engagement. Without appropriate audio equipment, community engagement is frequently stifled. By adding sound and audio equipment the library create a functional community space where the needed conversations of community can take place.

Warren County Memorial Library

Warren County Memorial Library Strategic Plan                    Awarded: $28500

Warren County Memorial Library will use funding to assist in implementing a comprehensive community needs assessment. The assessment will aid the library in determining: who is not using the library and why; what library resources are residents not aware we provide, and what services residents need that we can add. The information from the assessment will then be used to draft a strategic plan for future library services and resources. The plan aims to involve trustees, community stakeholders and leaders, and the citizens of Warren County.