

# IMPACT on Massachusetts Library Services and Technology Act

## DIRECT GRANTS

# LSTA

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- During FY2018, Massachusetts libraries received a total of \$489,390 in grant money. Some of the programs that received funding are featured below:

### **Innovative - Meeting Cultural Needs: Morrill Memorial Library, Norwood**

Norwood has a growing Asian Indian population and would like to better meet this population's needs. The library will use the grant to increase targeted cultural programming to celebrate diversity in the community, provide additional staff training, expand the World Language collection, and create and improve library signage and marketing in different Asian Indian languages.

### **Citizenship Corners: Springfield City Library**

Springfield will increase its support for adult basic education learners who are working to become U.S. citizens. The library will establish two Citizenship Corners: one at the Main Branch and one at the Pine Point Branch. These corners will increase and enhance the collection of materials for the citizenship exam. Springfield will offer citizenship classes four times throughout the grant. Read/ Write/ Now, the library department that offers adult basic education classes for adult learners, will conduct these twelve week sessions.

### **Financial Literacy for All Ages: Bellingham Public Library**

This grant will allow Bellingham to provide their community with a practical and accessible education program for all residents. The library will offer its patrons the opportunity to learn about various financial topics. The website will dedicate space for financial resources. The library will update print, digital, and electronic collections. A series of workshops and presentations on money management topics is scheduled: eleven for adults, seven for teens, and four for children. The library will also host a Community Read program that focuses on a book with a money management topic.

### **Preservation and Conservation of Library and Archival Materials: Worcester Public Library**

In 1859, Dr. Green gifted his seven thousand volume private library to the City of Worcester. Dr. Green intended that this rich, eclectic body of work be available to Worcester residents in perpetuity. However, the collection has been inaccessible for decades and is deteriorating under present conditions. Worcester will hire a consultant to identify components of the collection in particular need of stabilization and, based on the consultant's recommendations, use the best means and materials available for preserving these items and making them accessible to the public.



## FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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### **LOCAL IMPACT:**

- During FY2018, libraries in the First District received a total of \$30,000 in grant money. The programs that received funding are featured below:

#### **Citizenship Corners: *Springfield City Library***

Springfield will increase its support for adult basic education learners who are working to become U.S. citizens. The library will establish two Citizenship Corners: one at the Main Branch and one at the Pine Point Branch. These corners will increase and enhance the collection of materials for the citizenship exam. Springfield will offer citizenship classes four times throughout the grant. Read/ Write/ Now, the library department that offers adult basic education classes for adult learners, will conduct these twelve week sessions.

#### **Mind in the Making: *Indian Orchard Branch of the Springfield City Library***

The Indian Orchard Branch Library will use grant funds to create a Play and Learn Place for neighborhood residents from birth to age six. With a lack of safe and accessible venues for play that supports active learning within the economically-challenged Indian Orchard neighborhood, children and their caregivers have limited opportunities for unstructured, creative play. Children are beginning kindergarten without the social-emotional and early learning skills they need to be successful in school and life. The Play and Learn Place will give children and caregivers a safe, dynamic, print-dense environment to explore, create, and discover through play, and empower the adults as their child's "first teacher."

#### **Innovative Grant - Addressing Food Insecurity: *Chicopee Public Library***

The City of Chicopee has many residents who live with food insecurity, in poverty, and/or in poor health. In collaboration with other agencies in the community, the library wants to provide educational activities and resources to the community addressing these issues. Funds from this grant will offer twenty-five programs that educate, inform, and entertain with hands-on events that encourage healthy eating, gardening, and cooking. The library will also create a collection of circulating items for all age groups that addresses the topics of gardening, cooking, and food. As a result of this project, the library aims to have a community that is better informed about nutrition, cooking, and health.



## SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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### **LOCAL IMPACT:**

- During FY2018, libraries in the Second District received a total of \$65,400 in grant money. Some of the programs that received funding are featured below:

### **Preservation and Conservation of Library and Archival Materials: *Worcester Public Library***

In 1859, Dr. Green gifted his seven thousand volume private library to the City of Worcester. Dr. Green intended that this rich, eclectic body of work be available to Worcester residents in perpetuity. However, the collection has been inaccessible for decades and is deteriorating under present conditions. Worcester will hire a consultant to identify components of the collection in particular need of stabilization and, based on the consultant's recommendations, use the best means and materials available for preserving these items and making them accessible to the public.

### **Innovative Grant - Aging in Place: *Northborough Free Library***

Northborough wants to meet the needs of elders in the community, many of whom are "aging in place" and who need special services to meet their social, informational, recreational, and cultural needs. Northborough will provide a homebound delivery service for up to one hundred individuals in the local community who are either temporarily or permanently homebound. The grant will allow the library to hire a part-time Outreach Coordinator, who will work with a group of trained volunteers to provide the delivery of materials. Northborough will also purchase a number of preloaded Playaway Launchpads and portable assistive devices to address the needs of this population.

### **Innovative Grant - Community Discussion Groups: *Blackstone Public Library***

Blackstone will provide a neutral place to read and discuss controversial and current topics. The library will use this grant to engage community members from teens to adults in a Community Read that addresses topics such as survival, women's rights, citizenship, bullying, sexuality and gender. Six different book titles and discussion groups will be available for community participation. Blackstone will develop a writing group to reflect on the readings and topics of interest.



## THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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### **LOCAL IMPACT:**

- During FY2018, libraries in the Third District received a total of \$65,000 in grant money. Some of the programs that received funding are featured below:

### **Conserving and Digitizing Historical Resources: *Thayer Memorial Library, Lancaster***

Abijah P. Marvin is the author of *History of the Town of Lancaster, Massachusetts: From the first Settlement to the Present Time, 1643-1879*. Prior to his death in 1903, Henry Stedman Nourse gave the Thayer Memorial Library an annotated, interleaved and extra-illustrated manuscript correcting and supplementing Marvin's work. The library will use the grant for Nourse's edition. The conservation treatment and digital imaging to over 1400 pages will provide local students and residents as well as scholars and researchers access to this unique material.

### **Innovative - Reader's Advisory Services: *J.V. Fletcher Library Westford***

The J.V. Fletcher Library will use this grant to give library staff training and education in order to provide consistent and exemplary readers' advisory service to patrons. The workshops, trainings, activities, and book discussion groups will focus on staff developing confidence in fulfilling the demands of patrons. As a result of these undertakings, the staff will create and maintain daily three displays of adult materials: a staff recommends table in the new books room, a multimedia display with a theme of fiction or nonfiction, and a mystery display. Each staff member will create four bookmarks featuring their book recommendations for patrons. The library will also train staff on using the four iPads dedicated to readers' advisory.

### **Customer Experience: *Fitchburg Public Library***

Fitchburg will increase student access to library materials and resources in collaboration with local schools. Outreach to the community will educate students on the benefits of using their local public library. The library will give students in kindergarten and sixth grade a bilingual welcoming packet to take home to their families. The welcoming packet will include an invitation for families to an open house at the library. Fitchburg will transport the kindergarteners and sixth graders to the library for a tour and to receive library cards. The library will also collaborate with the school at the high school level to provide every student with a library e-card, which will give the students access to all the library's electronic resources.



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### **LOCAL IMPACT:**

- During FY2018, libraries in the Fourth District received a total of \$64,671 in grant money. Some of the programs that received funding are featured below:

#### **Financial Literacy for All Ages: *Bellingham Public Library***

This grant will allow Bellingham to provide their community with a practical and accessible education program for all residents. The library will offer its patrons the opportunity to learn about various financial topics. The website will dedicate space for financial resources. The library will update print, digital, and electronic collections. A series of workshops and presentations on money management topics is scheduled: eleven adults, seven for teens, and four for children. The library will also host a Community Read program that focuses on a book with a money management topic.

#### **Mind in the Making: *Attleboro Public Library***

Attleboro is increasing the opportunities for free play, creativity, tinkering, and social interaction in the community. The library will use the grant to create a PlaySpace, hold Open Studio time, and offer family workshops. The PlaySpace will target children from birth to six years and offer rotating themed toys and books as well as a designated area for babies. Open Studio time will target children three to six years and will feature a variety of arts and crafts materials and/or tinkering activities. Attleboro will partner with a local agency to create a four-part family workshop series.

#### **Serving Teens and Tweens: *Berkley Public Library***

Berkley would like to better meet the needs of teens and tweens. The library will use part of this grant to add more relevant materials and resources to the YA collection and create meaningful and innovative programming, with a baseline goal of two monthly programs. Another objective of this project is to increase community engagement among teens and tweens. The library will offer volunteer opportunities linked to teen activities at the library and during other library events. A teen page on the library website will help publicize services and programs aimed at this demographic.



## FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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### **LOCAL IMPACT:**

- During FY2017 and FY2018, libraries in the Fifth District received a total of \$36,288 in grant money. Some of the programs that received funding are featured below:

#### **Citizenship Corners: Framingham Public Library**

Framingham aims to expand the English language learning opportunities currently offered by its Literacy Unlimited program and develop a Citizenship Corner at the Main Library. With funds from this grant, the library will hire an additional literacy staff member to lead two new conversations classes on Saturdays (beginner and intermediate). The project will also establish a Citizenship Corner based on USCIS guidelines and offer sixteen week citizenship classes to help prepare candidates for the civics test.

#### **Jobs/Career Information at Your Library: Henry Whittemore Library, Framingham State University**

This grant helps the Whittemore Library provide services and resources to carry out programming aimed at serving the needs of job and career seekers in their communities. Libraries have always provided resources for career development and job information. As the methods of finding and applying for a job have significantly gravitated to the use of the Internet for job seekers, the library's provision of free, high-speed Internet services and computers is seen as an increasingly valued service by its users. Additionally, Wi-Fi access allows patrons to use their own computers to access the Internet from both inside outside the library.

#### **Science is Everywhere: Melrose Public Library**

This grant allows librarians to better serve students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades through increased exposure to STEM\* topics. Through science minded performers, presenters, and speakers, students will greatly benefit from science and STEM programming that is engaging and hands on.

\*Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics



## SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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### **LOCAL IMPACT:**

- During FY2018, libraries in the Sixth District received a total of \$99,684 in grant money. Some of the programs that received funding are featured below:

#### **Preservation Assessment: Ipswich Public Library**

Ipswich will use this grant as a first step toward a long-term process that will improve accessibility to the materials in the Archives. The assessment and resulting report will provide guidance on how to proceed in order to meet the local history goals of the library. Ipswich will use the assessment to identify immediate improvement opportunities for quality of service in the archives as well as defining the overall preservation needs of the collection. The resulting five-year preservation long-range plan will help the library improve policies and procedures for the future management of the archives and their use by the public.

#### **Innovative - STEM\* for Young Patrons: Stevens Memorial Library, North Andover**

The Stevens Memorial Library wants to provide more STEM opportunities for their young patrons. This project will focus on children in kindergarten through fifth grade, with a potential target audience of almost two thousand children. The library will use the grant to improve their collection of technology and other science or math manipulatives. Having STEM materials as part of the collection will increase the ability of patrons to interact with these items at their leisure. Further, the addition of these materials helps the library increase the quality of current programs and enables the library to offer more programs.

#### **Preservation and Conservation of Library and Archival Materials: Beverly Public Library**

In 2016, Beverly was awarded a town-wide preservation assessment grant that provided the services of a preservation specialist to the Beverly Public Library, Beverly City Clerk's Office, First Parish Church, and First Baptist Church. The needs identified and prioritized in the preservation assessment reports include the digitization and preservation of records used for genealogical purposes, correctly storing or rehousing special collections, the comprehensive surveying of archival records, and preserving items of unique or historical value. The report prioritized the needs based on the degree of public benefit and the level of unique or historic value. This grant will preserve historic library circulation records, reframe three Will Barnet artist proofs, catalog and properly store valuable manuscripts, digitize and preserve vital records used for genealogical purposes, and properly store church archives to prevent deterioration.

\*Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics



## SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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### **LOCAL IMPACT:**

- During FY2018, libraries in the Seventh District received a total of \$25,000 in grant money. The programs that received funding are featured below:

### **Framework for Health Literacy: MGH Institute of Health Professions, Bellack Library**

The Bellack Library will use the grant to enhance occupational therapy students' ability to deliver effective health literacy interventions thereby increasing the health literacy of their patients and clients. Occupational therapists routinely work with and provide health literacy interventions to patient populations that are likely to have limited health literacy or additional barriers to proficient health literacy. The occupational therapy program is relatively new, having just entered its third year. The grant gives the library the means to develop a collection to support this new program at the Institute.

### **Framework for Health Literacy: Boston Latin School, Keefe Library**

The Harry Keefe Library at Boston Latin School will use this grant to give students and their families resources for handling stress. The goal is to create a wellness area where students can relax and decompress. This area would also serve as a consistent centralized portal for students to find information easily and discreetly. Additionally, the library will reach out to students and families through workshops and programs addressing stress issues.

### **Serving People with Disabilities: Boston Arts Academy Library**

Boston Arts Academy is Boston's only public high school for the visual and performing arts. The library's collection must meet the demands of a research collection and a teen library as well as support the school's arts curriculum. As a full inclusion school, its library needs to be able to provide multiple ways for students to access curricular literature and research as well as pleasure reading. The library's current situation for supporting students with disabilities often feels like a stop-gap measure. This grant will allow the library to purchase assistive technology including audiobooks, e-books, e-readers, and noise-cancelling headphones that will allow the library to support students with disabilities at a more comprehensive level. All staff at Boston Arts Academy will receive training in the use of these resources.



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## EIGHTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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### **LOCAL IMPACT:**

- During FY2018, libraries in the Eighth District received a total of \$26,500 in grant money. Some of the programs that received funding are featured below:

### **Customer Experience: Milton Public Library**

Patrons of the Milton Public Library want technology training for all ages on a variety of subjects. The library staff is not well-equipped to provide this service and needs technology education themselves in order to offer this expertise to patrons. This grant will allow the library to create and provide staff training in customer service, emerging technologies, social media, and digital services. With this knowledge, staff will be able to provide instruction to patrons individually or as a group.

### **Innovative - Meeting Cultural Needs: Morrill Memorial Library, Norwood**

Norwood has a growing Asian Indian population and would like to better meet this population's needs. The library will use the grant to increase targeted cultural programming to celebrate diversity in the community, provide additional staff training, expand the World Language collection, and create and improve library signage and marketing in different Asian Indian languages.

### **Innovative - Makerspace: West Bridgewater Public Library**

West Bridgewater is eager to pursue the fundamental shift of the library from a place of quiet solace to a community hub that opens the scientific minds of young patrons in grades four through eight. The library has a captive audience of young patrons that seek out interesting new programs. West Bridgewater will use the grant to create a makerspace that will provide guided and open-ended experiences with STEM\* materials and educational programs/workshops. The target audience will be upper elementary and middle school students (young teens) within the community and its surrounding towns. Currently, this population has zero access to a makerspace.

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## NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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### **LOCAL IMPACT:**

- During FY2018, libraries in the Ninth District received a total of \$76,847 in grant money. Some of the programs that received funding are featured below:

#### **Innovative Grant: *Eldredge Library Chatham***

This project uses the public library's unique role in the community to reach out to individuals and various organizations to address the challenges currently facing the community. The library will offer the following programs: one intergenerational book discussion group, memory café events, adult events featuring literacy and reading professionals, and African American Read-In events. The library will renovate the children's room alcove to support the Public Library Association's five early literacy practices and will offer a weekly early literacy story time. Ten "little libraries" will be set up at local businesses, healthcare facilities, and social service organizations.

#### **Serving Teens and Tweens: *Plymouth Public Library***

With this grant, Plymouth will better meet the needs of tweens and teens. A teen space will be created on the second floor of the main library and the young adult collection will establish a nonfiction section in a suitable location for easier access and identification by teens and tweens doing research. Based on feedback from teens, Plymouth will expand the graphic novels collection and will purchase video gaming equipment. The library will also provide varied educational and recreational programming for tweens and teens, including six major programs featuring a popular author, artist, or speaker.

#### **Mind in the Making: *Middleborough Public Library***

Middleborough plans to educate parents and caregivers on the importance of play, the seven essential life skills outlined in Mind in the Making, and promote kindergarten readiness through new materials, programs, and collaborations. The library will develop an outdoor play space and children's garden. It will purchase and circulate books and kits about play, tinkering, and maker opportunities. The library will offer two workshops to caregivers and educators. Middleborough will collaborate with Coordinated Family and Community Engagement, local farm Soule Homestead, and Middleborough Public Schools in order to provide events and programs focusing on play and kindergarten readiness.

