

2015 Washington Rural Heritage Grants

Washington Rural Heritage (WRH) is a Washington State Library program supporting small and rural libraries in the development of online digital collections of historically significant materials. Primary candidate institutions are those without the means to digitize and serve online such items without outside support. The initiative encourages collaborative efforts between eligible public libraries and community partners (e.g., museums, genealogy societies, schools, etc.).

Explore the collection at www.washingtonruralheritage.org

Total Requested: \$37,849

Total Awarded: \$25,270

Organization: Asotin County Library **Award:** \$5,000.00

Title: Asotin County Heritage Project 2015

Abstract: Asotin County Library will be cooperating with the Asotin County Museum to digitize (vet, scan, optimize, upload into ContentDM, and catalog) 115 photographs of historic Asotin County by noted photographer Asahel Curtis which are included in the Museum's collection. We will also begin digitization of the Museum's collection of over 1,000 local photographs, specifically beginning with a binder of approximately 35 photos of early Asotin.

Organization: Ellensburg Public Library **Award:** \$2,141.00

Title: Now Showing: Ellensburg City Art Collection

Abstract: In coordination with the Ellensburg Arts Commission, the Ellensburg Public Library will digitize at least 100 images of art works contained in the City of Ellensburg's Art Collection. The project will focus on the works of local artists, both living and deceased, and significant pieces from other artists with an Ellensburg connection and story.

Organization: La Conner Regional Library District **Award:** \$5,000.00

Title: La Conner Digitization Project

Abstract: The project includes participation by Western Washington University's Library, the La Conner Regional Library, and the Museum of Northwest Art (MoNA). The Charles Stokes collection contains drawings by the artist, and the Louis Mideke collection contains photographs, negatives, exhibition programs, newspaper articles, and letters by the ceramic artist. Additionally, materials from WWU's collection of materials from the Fishtown artistic movement in La Conner will also be included. The project will digitize and catalogue these materials in order to provide useful context for the public. The digitized materials will be made searchable online via the museum's website as well as the Western Washington University Library site and that of the La Conner Regional Library.

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Organization: Libraries of Stevens County **Award:** \$4,529.00

Title: Kettle Falls Heritage Digitization

Abstract: The Kettle Falls Public Library has a unique collection of local, historical photographs and documents. Currently, those items are located in a large flip-through display case. They are not properly archived or cataloged and by digitizing this collection the images and information will be preserved for generations to come. Furthermore, some of the individuals who know the details about the photographs (who is in them, where they were taken, what year they were taken, etc.) are now in their nineties and so there is a sense of urgency about getting this project complete. The collection currently takes up a lot of room, is cumbersome to use, and is limited. Our goal is to reintroduce this "browsing" collection in a digital format using a wall-mounted touch-screen monitor so that people can not only access this collection, but the entire Washington Rural Heritage site. The monitor will be dedicated to use for digital collections.

Organization: North Olympic Library System **Award:** \$5,000.00

Title: Kellogg Collection Digitization Collaborative Project

Abstract: The North Olympic Library System (NOLS), in partnership with the Clallam County Genealogical Society (CCGS), proposes to continue the work to digitize and catalog the Bert Kellogg Collection. The Kellogg Collection consists of over 5,000 images, dating from the first half of the 19th century through the 1970s, which document social, cultural, and historical events; landscapes; and peoples of Clallam County. Through previous grant cycles, 3,690 images have been scanned; during this grant cycle, staff and volunteers will prioritize, scan, research, and catalog images from the remaining 1,100 yet to be digitized.

Organization: Whitman County Library **Award:** \$3,600.00

Title: Whitman County Library Historical Digitization Project

Abstract: Whitman County Library (WCL) will partner with three organizations (Colfax Fire Department, Washington State University Manuscripts, Archives & Special Collections and Town of Farmington) and two individuals (Steven Shook and John Aeschliman) to digitize five key collections that cover our countywide area. These collections have historically significant photos, postcards, and glass negatives that will contribute Whitman County content not yet digitized and currently unavailable to the public.