

FFY16 Large Competitive Projects

21st Century Skills for Eco-Literacy – Georgetown County Library - \$28,000

This project is stimulating environmental literacy for local youth through the usage of 21st century skills based on interactive usage of technology. The youth, ranging from 6 to 18 are conducting scientific fieldwork and creating digital video productions to educate others of their findings. We have successfully produced 18 practice videos, conducted 16 site visits to Eco sites around Georgetown County which include Sandy Island and produced 6 short films based on the young people's experiences "out in the wild". Here's an actual link to one of the short films they produced: <https://youtu.be/5fBywWiLCNM>

Bringing Access to Life: Assistive Devices for Anyone – Kershaw County Library - \$12,000

This project provides assistive technology to improve the functional capabilities and quality of life for patrons with a physical impairment. We offer our patrons a broad range of assistive devices such as magnifiers, weighted spoons and large keyboards which assists to further the mission of removing barriers to achievement for our patrons. Since we have begun this program we have ordered our devices and have scheduled special program presenters and programs to introduce the devices to our patrons and show them how to utilize them.

Kajeet Smartspot Education Broadband Project – Beaufort County Library - \$23,194

This project provides free mobile hotspot coverage to students and their families who live in the rural areas of Northern Beaufort County that do not have access to the internet connection at home. Since we have begun this program we have been able to test the devices to ensure it works properly and have identified 10 students that will receive the devices and will receive orientation on how to use it.

South Carolina Historical Newspapers – University of South Carolina Libraries - \$19,578

This project is a collaboration with the University of South Carolina Libraries and the South Caroliniana Library to partner with the Camden Archives to digitize rolls of microfilmed newspapers to help launch the South Carolina Historical Newspaper site through the installation of the Chronicling America software (ChronAm). Since we have begun this project we are half-way through duplicating the Camden Chronicle. We have created metadata rolls of Camden Chronicle from 1891-1918, a total of 6,776 images of paper and metadata rolls for smaller titles totaling 6,054 pages.

Mi-Fi Education Project – Greenwood County Library - \$7,019

This project provides mi-fi kits to high school students in School District 51 who do not have computers and internet access at home. These kits will include a smartspot, Galaxy Tab-E and a month's Internet subscription. Since we have begun the program, two kits have been loaned to students in which the library conducted training sessions on how to use the equipment. One of the students is using the kit to take online classes that are not available at their high school in hopes of being able to graduate early.

Literacy to Life – Richland Library - \$25,000

This project offers instructional sessions on vocational preparedness skill sets and life skills strategies for detainees at the Alvin s. Glenn Detention Center, as well as provide access to individualized social services assistance and resources. Since we have begun the program the social worker has facilitated 20 sessions with male juvenile detainees and a design for the new library space has been created.

Empowering Union County Through Community Centered Access – Union County Library - \$16,605

This project was created to extend library resources to serve families in rural communities, the disabled adults and children who lack the ability or means to get to the library. Outreach kits are used by the staff to provide outreach efforts to different areas of the community or lend the kits out to local organizations that serve our target audience to provide programs sponsored by the library. This project is designed to increase the number of outreach opportunities and partnerships by providing new learning resources, which will result in more library users.