

Fiscal Year 2015 Library Services and Technology Act Award Recommendations

Organization:	Broward County Libraries Division
Category:	Access
Project Name:	Teen College Melt Club
Amount:	\$80,000
Population to be Served:	1,500
Area Served:	Broward County
Summary:	<p>Across the country, 10 to 40 percent of seemingly college-intending students fail to enroll in college the fall after graduation. This phenomenon is known as summer melt. College-intending students are those who have completed key college-going steps, such as being accepted to college and applying for financial aid, and have concretely signaled their intention to enroll in college. A student has melted if he or she was college-intending and yet fails to transition successfully to college the fall after high school graduation.</p> <p>In Broward County, far too many college-intending students, particularly those from low-income and immigrant backgrounds, encounter a range of obstacles during the post-high school summer that lead them to change or abandon their plans. The Broward County Teen College Melt Club project will address the issue of summer melt at six branches by supporting at-risk high school seniors and their families along the path to college matriculation through weekly club meetings that offer mentoring, year-round college counseling, social events, confidence-building events, parent education events and access to technology and the Internet. Given the current lack of evening, weekend and summer counseling available in Broward County, this support will provide a positive framework for navigating the often confusing transition to fall matriculation.</p>

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services

Category: Statewide

Project Name: Administration of the Annual Program

Amount: \$321,943

Population to be Served: 13,000

Area Served: Statewide

Summary: The Administration of the Annual Program project provides for the management of the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant program in the state of Florida. The LSTA program supports the delivery of library services in all types of Florida libraries. These services include statewide initiatives and local projects funded through a competitive subgrant process.

Grant activities include:

- Working with Division and local project managers to develop projects;
- Providing technical assistance to potential applicants and grant recipients;
- Reviewing and critiquing LSTA application drafts from both within the Division and from Florida library organizations;
- Reviewing and evaluating non-Division grant applications;
- Maintaining all official program files;
- Coordinating contracts and grant payments;
- Monitoring and evaluating grant funded projects; and
- Compiling and submitting reports to the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services

Category: Statewide

Project Name: Assistance for E-Rate

Amount: \$98,098

Population to be Served: 10,560,861

Area Served: Statewide

Summary: The Division of Library and Information Services' Assistance for E-Rate program is designed to provide statewide technology support for libraries in three critical areas of need: E-rate support, broadband planning and implementation with coordinated E-rate counseling, and resource sharing support through the Multitype Library Cooperatives.

The E-rate program supports K-12 students and public library patrons in the United States. It is a federal program that provides discounts up to 90 percent on goods and services essential for classrooms and libraries to receive voice, video and data communications.

The program manager answers librarians' E-rate questions, calculates yearly the discounts, approves library technology plans, trains and advises librarians, advises the Universal Service Administrative Company as part of the State Coordinators group, and serves as an adviser to the Department of Management Services, which oversees the State of Florida E-rate contracts.

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services
Category: Statewide
Project Name: Connected Director Community 2015 – Program Coordination
Amount: \$152,664
Population to be Served: 1,100
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: The Division of Library and Information Services’ Connected Director Community program will continue to foster learning while inspiring public library directors and other library leaders to grow in their roles as community leaders. A menu of training opportunities will be provided: face-to-face events, online meetings, conferences and regional meetings, and meetings with an emphasis on the needs of newer directors. The project will help library leaders explore innovations in the context of the library as an educational institution.

Face-to-face events include an orientation for new directors, a public library director academy and sessions for public services staff on marketing, branding and reaching outward. Planning will begin for a convening of rural libraries to be held in partnership with key players in Florida and southern states, for a rural library managers’ training component and for the development of management and marketing skills in medium-sized and rural libraries. Promotion of the many services provided by libraries through the Libraries Outside the Lines national initiative and the Florida Libraries as... campaign will continue. Site visits, workshops for library supporters and assistance with planning will continue.

All activities will result in library directors, staff and supporters more effectively leading the library of tomorrow. Residents of Florida will receive improved and more responsive library services because of this project.

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services

Category: Statewide

Project Name: E-Government Services for Florida Public Libraries 2015 – Program Coordination

Amount: \$96,753

Population to be Served: 7,572,196

Area Served: Statewide

Summary: The Division of Library and Information Services' E-Government Services for Florida Public Libraries program supports the workforce recovery efforts of libraries through the broadening of e-government Services. The program provides libraries with resources and tools to assist their job seeking patrons; expands e-government services for libraries throughout Florida by coordinating individual libraries' e-government service projects in accordance with a statewide vision; promotes statewide e-government service Web portals; promotes libraries' development of partnerships with governmental, non-profit and community agencies; and provides webinars to train library staff to provide e-government service and remain current with changes in laws that impact delivery of library e-government service.

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services

Category: Statewide

Project Name: Expanding Library Services 2015

Amount: \$248,721

Population to be Served: 7,290

Area Served: Statewide

Summary: The Division of Library and Information Services' Expanding Library Services 2015 program will assist and support libraries statewide. The Bureau of Library Development works proactively with local library staff, governing officials, trustees and community library supporters to ensure that public libraries are strong and vigorous. Bureau staff will work with public libraries statewide to discover what information and statistics are already being collected by local public libraries about their services to older adults and plan the expansion of the Bureau's emphasis to include services to older adults. Information will continue to be gathered related to digital literacy skills and how libraries can improve services to residents in this area. Bureau staff will continue the Florida Libraries as... campaign to showcase the wide range of services offered by libraries and will implement a planned programmatic outreach campaign to provide information on available Division resources. Staff will also continue to explore trends and innovations in libraries and share them with Florida libraries to keep them up to date.

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services
Category: Statewide
Project Name: Florida Electronic Library 2015 – Databases and Program Coordination

Amount: \$3,194,027

Population to be Served: 17,727,804

Area Served: Statewide

Summary: The Division of Library and Information Services' Florida Electronic Library program is a point of access for direct online library services for all Floridians. It complements the print resources in Florida library collections and serves as a gateway to reputable resources that offers access to comprehensive, accurate and reliable information from online information resources. The Florida Electronic Library:

- Links to the Florida Group catalog, the union catalog of Florida library holdings that supports interlibrary loan services, which allow patrons to get items not held at their local library.
- Provides the Florida Library Ground Delivery service, which provides a cost efficient method of moving books between Florida's libraries. This service is administered by the Tampa Bay Library Consortium.
- Provides a portal to information provided by other state agencies, such as the Florida Kids site on the Florida Department of State website; the Florida Small Business Development Center Network website; the Plan Your Career website at the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity; and the Internet Public Library for Kids.
- Includes Ask a Librarian, a collaborative virtual reference service. Ask a Librarian provides Florida residents with virtual reference services through live chat, text messaging and e-mail. The service is administered by the Tampa Bay Library Consortium.
- Is implementing the Statewide Digital Initiative. The goal of the Initiative is to expand access to digital content held by Florida's libraries, archives, museums and other cultural heritage organizations. The Statewide Digital Initiative will guide the development of digital collections in Florida on a statewide basis.

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services
Category: Statewide
Project Name: Florida Library Youth Program 2015
Amount: \$277,496
Population to be Served: 3,991,172
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: The Florida Library Youth Program is a coordinated and collaborative effort between the Department of State's Division of Library and Information Services and public libraries' youth services librarians.

The program's mission is to provide information and resources to promote the value of reading. The major emphases are training staff and providing resources to support the provision of locally delivered services and programs to readers. The program goal is that Floridians receive information and innovative and responsive library services that meet their diverse geographic, cultural and socioeconomic needs; the outcome is that children, teens and their families and caregivers have library programs and services that are age and developmentally appropriate.

Activities include promoting youth-related services by providing monthly updates in the form of newsletters, online sessions and social media interactions; representing the state at the collaborative summer library program planning meeting; obtaining and distributing summer manuals and allotments to participating libraries; and planning and presenting regional and statewide face-to-face and online training sessions.

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services

Category: Statewide

Project Name: Florida Memory

Amount: \$494,205

Population to be Served: 18,685,298

Area Served: Statewide

Summary: Florida Memory (floridamemory.com) is an ongoing effort to provide free online access to significant photographs, films, sound recordings and archival documents from the collections of the State Library and Archives of Florida. By enabling patrons to utilize these resources remotely, Florida Memory expands the ability of the State Library and Archives to carry out their statutory responsibility to promote and encourage the study of Florida's history and culture.

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services
Category: Statewide
Project Name: Leadership Recruitment and Development 2015 – Coordination
Amount: \$125,770
Population to be Served: 650
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: The Division of Library and Information Services’ ongoing Leadership Development and Recruitment Coordination program has four components: 1) Florida Library Jobs, 2) The Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute (SSLLI), 3) The Annual Public Library Directors' Meeting and 4) The Department of State Leadership Program. Two components of project were changed from the previous year. First, the Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute Continuing Education (SSLLICE) program has been removed from this grant due to low response. Second, due to the success of the OCHIP Leadership Program, this component was expanded to include all six of the Department's divisions instead of only the three OCHIP divisions and is now referred to as the Department of State Leadership Program. Components 1 through 3 of this program are designed to meet the needs of library directors, managers, emergent leaders and individuals who are seeking positions within Florida libraries. The services are provided for public, academic, K-12 and special libraries.

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services
Category: Statewide
Project Name: Statewide Continuing Education & Training – Coordination
Amount: \$180,093
Population to be Served: 7,290
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: The Division of Library and Information Services' Statewide Continuing Education & Training program provides Florida library staff access to online instructor-led classes, workshops and self-paced courses.

Bureau of Library Development webinars will be produced by Division staff on topics such as services to state employees, Division of Library and Information Services updates, Florida Electronic Library training, State Aid grant application information and e-government updates.

Live webinars, online courses and tutorials will also be made available from an online vendor that specializes in training for libraries.

The Division will partner with the Tampa Bay Library Consortium (TBLC) to provide a statewide curriculum of webinar training that is focused specifically on the needs of Florida librarians.

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services
Category: Statewide
Project Name: Statewide Library Data and Statistics Program 2015
Amount: \$236,486
Population to be Served: 5,948
Area Served: Statewide

Summary: The Statewide Library Data and Statistics program of the Division of Library and Information Services provides assistance to public libraries that enables these libraries to provide improved services to their patrons. The statistics consultant works with public libraries to demonstrate the value, effectiveness and efficiency of libraries in Florida. In 2015-16, the program will continue to collect, publish and analyze public library data; maintain the directory information in the Florida Library and Grants system, ensuring continued stability and functionality; conduct evaluation activities that will enable grant recipients to evaluate their projects; participate in a national evaluation institute, which will then be replicated in Florida for all library staff; and provide oversight and guidance for those public libraries that participate in a national initiative for evaluating and conducting long-range planning. Additionally, the Statewide Library Data and Statistics program will coordinate and facilitate long-range planning activities for the Division and public libraries across the state.

Organization: Division of Library and Information Services
Category: Statewide
Project Name: Statewide Resource Sharing and Collection Development 2015
Amount: \$761,460
Population to be Served: 163,868
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: The Division of Library and Information Services' Statewide Resource Sharing and Collection Development 2015 program serves the information needs of Florida citizens.

Through its collections of books, state government publications, professional library resources, historic maps, manuscripts, official state records, photographs and other media, the Division strives to serve the general public's specialized information needs regarding Florida, supplement the collections of libraries statewide through resource sharing, and meet the information needs of state government. Information and research services are provided on-site as well as via telephone, fax, email and an array of Web-based information services.

The Division also strives to promote statewide resource sharing through programs such as the Florida Library Information Network (FLIN), which is the statewide cooperative network for interlibrary loan and resource sharing, and Florida Library Navigator, which allows libraries to offer patrons the ability to create their own interlibrary loan requests.

Organization: Northeast Florida Library Information Network
Category: Training
Project Name: Training for Library Staff to Better Serve Their Community
Amount: \$185,000
Population to be Served: 4,095,756
Area Served: Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Brevard, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Marion, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Seminole, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and Volusia Counties

Summary: The Northeast Florida Library Information Network (NEFLIN) Training for Library Staff to Better Serve Their Community project will provide a comprehensive training program that will enhance the ability of library staff to better serve their community. The grant activities provide high-demand training in multiple locations and formats to allow for the widest possible participation by library staff.

The four activities that comprise this training program are: staff training, interest groups, self-paced learning and a conference on the subject of user experience design.

1. Staff training consists of free face-to-face and online classes that are provided for library staff in Florida.
2. Interest groups meet quarterly to provide a forum for library staff to network, share information and problem solve on topics of mutual concern.
3. Self-paced learning is provided by the items in NEFLIN's Lending Library. This collection of books, audiobooks and DVDs assists library staff in their professional development.
4. The User Experience Design Conference is an event that assists library staff with improving the user experience (UX). Designing libraries with UX in mind creates the potential to deepen the connection they have with their communities and make the library a place that people love to use.

Organization: Northeast Florida Library Information Network
Category: Statewide
Project Name: Leadership Recruitment and Development 2015 – Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute
Amount: \$53,000
Population to be Served: 650
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: The Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute is provided by the Northeast Florida Library Information Network in partnership with the Division of Library and Information Services.

The primary goal of the Institute is to assist in preparing emergent and existing library leaders to provide the highest quality library services to the citizens of Florida in the most effective and innovative manner that will meet today's needs and tomorrow's challenges.

The Institute objectives are to develop diverse leaders who can serve in library leadership roles at local, regional, state and national levels; to retain staff currently working in the library and information management profession by re-energizing them and helping them develop new leadership skills; to develop leaders who have the skills to replace those who will retire from the library and information management profession; to build collaborative networks within the library community across the state that are sustained over time; and to establish professional support systems using recognized leaders as mentors.

Organization: Orange County Library System
Category: Statewide
Project Name: E-Government Services to Florida Public Libraries 2015 – Right Service at the Right Time
Amount: \$71,610
Population to be Served: 4,000,000
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: The Right Service at the Right Time website is provided by the Orange County Library System in partnership with the Division of Library and Information Services.

Right Service at the Right Time (rightservicefl.org) is an e-government and social services website designed to aid people throughout the state of Florida who are in need but either prefer not to discuss their need with others or are self-sufficient enough to determine what services and assistance they need independently. Created and maintained by the Orange County Library System, Right Service is a decision-making website that walks the public through a series of simple questions in order to connect them with the e-government and social services they need. It is designed to be an interactive, easy to use site on which users can anonymously find information about and locations of necessary services.

The project will enhance the user interface and maintain operation of the website and train Florida library staff to input and update local data about resources on the site. Resources will be reviewed, verified and updated on the site, and the site and service will be promoted to the community, libraries and service providers.

Organization: Panhandle Library Access Network
Category: Training
Project Name: Library Staff Training for Effective Job Performance
Amount: \$142,522
Population to be Served: 897
Area Served: Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Wakulla, Walton and Washington Counties

Summary: The Panhandle Library Access Network (PLAN) Library Staff Training for Effective Job Performance project will provide training opportunities for library staff and volunteers in the Florida Panhandle region and beyond.

Library staff will have timely access to relevant training that improves their ability to provide services to Floridians. Multiple formats (online, face-to-face and customized), which include webinars, workshops, conferences, library-specific training, and scholarships, will be used to offer an array of training opportunities. Some workshops are developed and delivered by PLAN staff while others are offered by third party trainers. These sessions are conducted at member libraries throughout the region and online.

Organization: Pasco County Public Library Cooperative
Category: Statewide
Project Name: E-Government Services to Florida Public Libraries 2015 – Get Help Florida
Amount: \$12,000
Population to be Served: 14,806,927
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: Get Help Florida is provided by the Pasco County Public Library Cooperative in partnership with the Division of Library and Information Services.

The Pasco County Library Cooperative developed the Get Help Florida website (gethelpflorida.org) in order to offer easy navigation to a wide variety of e-government resources, including links to government and social service agencies and related forms. With many government resources increasingly available online, it can be difficult for users in need of aid to find the help they need. The Get Help Florida website connects users directly to the resources they need.

LSTA will fund hosting, updating and adding to the site as well as promotion of the portal throughout the state.

Organization: Polk County Library Cooperative
Category: Technology
Project Name: I-Learn with I-Pads in the II-brary
Amount: \$9,560
Population to be Served: 5,137
Area Served: Polk County
Summary: The Polk County Library Cooperative's I-Learn with I-Pads in the II-brary project will provide member libraries in Auburndale and Dundee with iPads. The libraries will use the iPads to introduce children under the age of 11 to digital literacy skills, support their reading and language development and promote lifelong learning. Information and training on the iPads and apps will be incorporated into regular library programming along with special programming for the target groups.

Organization: Shimberg Health Sciences Library/USF
Category: Access
Project Name: Every Reader her Book: Creation of a Therapeutic Library at a Women's Residential Treatment Facility
Amount: \$63,631
Population to be Served: 300
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: The University of South Florida's (USF) Shimberg Health Sciences Library, in partnership with the USF main library, the Florida Mental Health Institute Research Library, the USF School of Information (USFSI) and the Tampa Bay Library Consortium (TBLC), will fund the creation of a library and library services for the women residents of the Drug Abuse Comprehensive Coordinating Office, Inc. (DACCO) facility. The library collection will include non-fiction, self-help books, young-adult fiction and therapeutic-based graphic novels.

The library for the residents will offer services in a way that supports the educational, recreational and rehabilitative outcomes of their treatment plans. Reference services will be offered in order to allow the residents to investigate any questions they have about their treatment in order to gain empowerment over their recovery. Proper health literacy will be an important service offered to the residents. Studies have shown that providing information to consumers increases their involvement in decision making, resulting in better satisfaction with treatment choices. This increased information will provide the residents with a sense of self-efficacy, which will increase their belief in the existence of better treatment outcomes. This library will provide appropriate titles for use in bibliotherapy treatment as an adjunct to the substance abuse treatment program.

Organization: Southeast Florida Library Information Network
Category: Training
Project Name: Education to Empower Staff for Library Service
Amount: \$170,000
Population to be Served: 2,480
Area Served: Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties
Summary: The Southeast Florida Library Information Network (SEFLIN) Education to Empower Staff for Library Service project meets an LSTA priority to "providing training and professional development, including continuing education, to enhance the skills of the current library workforce and leadership and advance the delivery of library and information services."

The target audience for this project is staff from public, academic and school libraries in Southeast Florida. Library services are rapidly evolving, and today's library staff members need continuous training and education to effectively serve the diverse needs of their users. SEFLIN is the primary provider of continuing education and professional development for Southeast Florida libraries. By coordinating training region-wide, SEFLIN is able to meet the needs of local libraries cost-effectively and efficiently, enabling libraries to focus on serving their users.

Through this project, SEFLIN will provide a comprehensive continuing education program offering training in multiple formats on a wide range of library topics to respond to library needs for education to empower staff for library service. Project activities will include:

1. Continuing Education – Live Training, including face-to-face and live online training sessions
2. Continuing Education – Self-Directed Training, including online training accounts for library IT staff, seats in online courses for specialized online library related training, views of archived webinar recordings and DVD loans
3. Conferences, including a full-day face-to-face regional conference and a full-day virtual conference

Topics for these activities will be selected based on responses to SEFLIN's continuing education program and conference surveys as well as member requests.

Organization: Southeast Florida Library Information Network
Category: Statewide
Project Name: Leadership Recruitment and Development 2015 – Florida Library Jobs
Amount: \$17,700
Population to be Served: 20,000
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: Florida Library Jobs is provided by the Southeast Florida Library Information Network (SEFLIN) in partnership with the Division of Library and Information Services.

Florida Library Jobs (floridalibraryjobs.org) is the statewide online recruitment service for Florida library positions. The Florida Library Jobs project provides a searchable listing of job openings for both professional and paraprofessional positions in Florida libraries and a resume bank for graduates of ALA-accredited programs seeking employment in Florida libraries.

The target audience for this project includes Florida library employers who have vacant positions to be filled by qualified applicants and individuals seeking library jobs within the state. These employers and job-seekers need to post and search for jobs specifically related to Florida libraries without having to navigate through multiple employment sites. The Florida Library Jobs service meets these needs by providing a searchable database of information about library positions in Florida and a resume bank of qualified applicants accessible to library employers.

Organization: Southwest Florida Library Network
Category: Training
Project Name: Connecting Libraries Through Training Excellence
Amount: \$262,879
Population to be Served: 5,610
Area Served: Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, Lee, and Monroe Counties
Summary: The Southwest Florida Library Network (SWFLN) Connecting Libraries Through Training Excellence project will provide training to professional, paraprofessional and volunteer library staff who, in turn, serve the public.

This project will facilitate improvement of library services to the public and inspire innovative thinking. SWFLN's training will enable library staff and volunteers to increase their skills and then convey that new expertise when assisting the public. Professional library trainers and local experts from member libraries will be hired/engaged to provide training and share their expertise. SWFLN training events are open to all library staff and volunteers in Florida.

Organization: Tampa Bay Library Consortium

Category: Training

Project Name: Building a Community II: TBLC's Regional Continuing Education Program

Amount: \$143,235

Population to be Served: 6,400,000

Area Served: Citrus, Desoto, Glades, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lake, Manatee, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Saint Lucie and Sarasota Counties

Summary: The Tampa Bay Library Consortium (TBLC) Building a Community II project will offer comprehensive continuing education as a way to broaden knowledge, encourage personal and professional development, inspire innovative thinking and help the libraries in their service region improve services to their customers. The TBLC continuing education program will complement the Florida Library Webinars program by focusing on in-depth, value-added training to build on and enhance the broad, introductory-level webinar training being provided via that statewide program. The TBLC program will include a focus on interactive, in-depth and face-to-face sessions influenced by trendspotting, including three mini-conferences and video content, which will result in the nurturing of a community of learners in the region. Participation in the program and its events is open to library staff in all Florida libraries.

Organization: Tampa Bay Library Consortium
Category: Statewide
Project Name: Florida Electronic Library 2015 – Ask a Librarian
Amount: \$195,869
Population to be Served: 19,893,297
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: Ask a Librarian is provided by the Tampa Bay Library Consortium (TBLC) in partnership with the Division of Library and Information Services.

Ask a Librarian (askalibrarian.org) is Florida’s collaborative virtual reference service. It provides live reference assistance to Florida residents at their moment of need via chat, email and text messaging. In surveys, the public calls Ask a Librarian a “tremendous help” that is “helpful and informative” and right at their fingertips.

Ask a Librarian will continue development of the service and expand it as a core service in Florida libraries. To accomplish this task, activities will continue to focus on streamlining and improving the technical infrastructure, recruiting new libraries, training library staff, retaining and reinvigorating current partners, and marketing the service to increase use by users of participating libraries.

Organization: Tampa Bay Library Consortium
Category: Statewide
Project Name: Florida Electronic Library 2015 – Florida Library Delivery
Amount: \$125,000
Population to be Served: 125,000
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: Florida Library Delivery Services is provided by the Tampa Bay Library Consortium (TBLC) in partnership with the Division of Library and Information Services.

The Florida Library Delivery Service provides courier delivery service to libraries throughout Florida, with additional "route to stops" to facilitate the exchange of materials for resource sharing.

Organization: Tampa Bay Library Consortium
Category: Statewide
Project Name: Leadership Recruitment and Development 2015 – Library Directors' Meeting
Amount: \$57,309
Population to be Served: 150
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: The annual Public Library Directors' Meeting is provided by the Tampa Bay Library Consortium in partnership with the Division of Library and Information Services.

The annual Public Library Directors' Meeting is conducted each year for library directors or their designees and administrative heads throughout the state. The purpose of the annual meeting is to provide an opportunity for library directors from across the state to learn from national leaders about cutting-edge trends, receive updates from statewide leaders on current issues, gain new insights and skills from library community contemporaries, and share best practices.

Organization: Tampa Bay Library Consortium
Category: Statewide
Project Name: Statewide Continuing Education and Training 2015 – Florida Library Webinars
Amount: \$271,565
Population to be Served: 13,000
Area Served: Statewide
Summary: Florida Library Webinars is a project provided by the Tampa Bay Library Consortium in partnership with the Division of Library and Information Services.

Florida Library Webinars is a statewide continuing education program that offers web-based training to all staff working in Florida libraries. The program offers access to three to five live training sessions, conducted in webinar format, each week. Access to recorded training and video tutorials is available 24/7 through the program on the Florida Library Webinars website, floridalibrarywebinars.org.