

EXEMPLARY PROJECT DESIGNATION

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Introduction

The Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services (DLIS) is sponsoring the *Exemplary Project Designation Program* to honor those outstanding, star-quality projects funded by the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), administered by DLIS and implemented by Florida libraries. The program is designed to highlight excellence in program planning, implementation, and evaluation, with special emphasis on outcome measurement.

Each year, LSTA projects that exceed their projected outcomes will be designated by DLIS as Exemplary Projects on its Grants to States Program Report (SPR). If no projects meet the *Exemplary Project Designation Program* criteria, no annual recognition will be given.

Purpose

The purpose of the *Exemplary Project Designation Program* is to include in the Grants to States Program Report (SPR) effective, creative and high-quality projects. The program reporting will:

- Provide the Division of Library and Information Services with information and results of high-quality LSTA projects to share with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).
- Increase the credibility of libraries and library services through national recognition.
- Recognize excellence in program planning and outcome-based evaluation in Florida libraries.