

2020 Grant Awards, Washington Digital Heritage

The Washington Digital Heritage (WDH) grant program for the 2020-2021 federal fiscal year was developed to support public, tribal, special, and academic libraries in carrying out a variety of digital initiatives focused on archival and special collections. Proposals receiving priority consideration for award included those demonstrating: broad accessibility of project outputs to the general public; a desire to develop sustainable local digital programs; and adoption and/or dissemination of regional standards and approaches to digitization.

The WDH Grant Review Committee awarded grants to 7 institutions in July, 2020. Progress on the grant projects will run through August 27, 2021 (grant deadline). Several of the awarded projects will be part of the Washington Rural Heritage program (<http://www.washingtonruralheritage.org>) maintained by the Washington State Library (WSL). Other project outputs will be hosted and maintained locally by awarded institutions.



This grant was awarded by the [Office of the Secretary of State, Washington State Library Division](#), funded by the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) through the [Institute of Museum and Library Services \(IMLS\)](#).

Total Requested: \$49,802

Total Awarded: \$41,823

Organization: Asotin County Library (Clarkston, WA)

Award: \$5,100

Abstract: The Asotin County Library will digitize materials documenting the first 17 years of the Asotin County Fair and Rodeo. In partnership with the Asotin County Fair Board, the Library will digitize and catalog two scrapbooks of clippings, photographs, and documents ranging from 1940-1957. The Library will promote the collection through its annual Rural Heritage day, inviting the public to learn more about using the digital collection and to contribute their own historically significant materials to the Asotin County Heritage community archive.

Organization: Denny Ashby Library (Pomeroy, WA)

Award: \$5,000

Abstract: The Denny Ashby Library will digitize materials from several scrapbooks and photo albums which once belonged to Zenas Baldwin, a Garfield County, Washington pioneer who came to SE Washington in 1875. This project continues a 2019-2020 digitization effort to digitize historically significant materials contained in a Baldwin family trunk once owned by Alta Morris Baldwin.

Organization: Guemes Island Library

Award: \$7,650

Abstract: The Guemes Island Library (GIL) and the Guemes Island Historical Society (GIHS) will develop a program to begin digitization of the GIHS' collection of more than 1000 photographs. These cover subjects such as: Guemes Island School, Guemes Island ferries, the Shoultz family farm, early logging on the island, and the Samish Indian Nation. This partnership will also solicit privately-owned (community) photographs not in the the GIHS collection. A series of community meetings will introduce residents to the project.

Organization: Kalama Public Library

Award: \$4,250

Abstract: The Kalama Public Library will partner with the Port of Kalama to digitize historic photographs and documents in celebration of the city's Centennial. The Library will also continue its oral history program focusing on the experiences of long-term residents of Kalama and environs. Existing partnerships with the Cowlitz County Museum, McMenamins Restaurant History Department, and the Kalama Historical Society & History House will also be leveraged to identify, digitize, and describe historical materials.

Organization: Pend Oreille County Library District

Award: \$5,000

Abstract: The Pend Oreille County Library District will digitize fragile microfilm containing a variety of documents, clippings, local history accounts, focused on the northern region of the county. These materials will be added to an online digital archive.

Organization: Washington State University Libraries

Award: \$8,000

Abstract: The Washington State University (WSU) Libraries will digitize and make publically available 12,500 photographs from the Irwin Nash migrant labor collection. Nash, a Seattle commercial photographer visually documented the lives of Chicano Washingtonians from 1965-1975. By digitizing and freely making this collection available online, WSU Libraries intends to augment the narrative of Washington's largest minority group and add their stories, voices, and images to the complex narrative of Washington's common heritage.

Organization: Whitman County Library

Award: \$6,823

Abstract: The Whitman County Library will continue to build upon its Whitman County Heritage online digital archive by digitizing three new collections: 1) a Rosalia, WA sub-collection derived from materials held by the Rosalia School District, Rosalia Museum, Brown family, and other community members; 2) the family archives of Colfax-raised Robert Osborne who moved to Hollywood and became well-known as host of Turner Classic Movies; and 3) Whitman County Library's photo album collection, documenting Library activities and staff dating back to 1945. WCL will perform extensive outreach and promotion, through the use of printed materials and community presentations.