

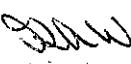
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From: George Wood, County Manager 
Re: Lincoln County Library System Receives \$100,000 Technology Grant

County Manager George Wood announced today that the Lincoln County Library System has been awarded a \$100,000 grant to be used for technology equipment to serve Lincoln County's residents through the three branches. LSTA funds awarded by the State Library of North Carolina are made possible through funding from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Cultural Resources.

These federal funds are investments that help libraries deliver relevant and up-to-date services for their communities. At the Lincoln County Library System, the LSTA grant will be used for RFID and self-checkout technology and stations for all three branches. Library Director Jennifer Sackett said: "This improvement will make our library processes more efficient, help locate materials quicker, improve security on our library materials, and allow patrons faster service."

Mr. Wood said: "I want to congratulate Jennifer on obtaining this grant. FY 2013 is the first year we will operate as a stand-alone system instead of part of the Gaston-Lincoln Regional Library; and the first year we have been eligible for this type of grant. She has worked very hard to secure the maximum amount of possible grant funding, and it will improve our operations greatly."

The Lincoln County Library System received one of the 71 competitive grants for fiscal year 2012-2013 awarded to North Carolina libraries from this year's federal allotment of \$4,322,143. The LSTA grant program administered by the State Library of North Carolina funds projects across the state that help libraries deliver learning opportunities for a lifetime, support libraries in their mission to provide cost-effective access to the Internet and to information expertise, and make library resources more accessible to all users.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 122,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. Through the LSTA Grants to States program IMLS provides funds to State Library agencies using a population-based formula. State libraries may use the appropriation to support statewide initiatives and services; they may also distribute the funds through competitive subgrants to public, academic, school, special, and research libraries. To learn more about the Institute, please visit www.imls.gov.

For more information about North Carolina's LSTA program visit the State Library of North Carolina's LSTA web page at <http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/lsta/lsta.htm> or contact the State Library's Federal Programs Consultant at 919-807-7400.



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