

**CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY
LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT (LSTA)**

**Final Program Narrative Report
(LSTA Form 9)**

Grant Information

Library Jurisdiction	Amador County
Project Title	Little Libraries
Grant Award #	40-8275
Grant Period	13/14
Amount of Grant Award	5,000
Amount of Grant Expended	5,000
Local Match	1,250
In-Kind	702.00
Total Amount of Project (amount expended + match + in-kind)	6,952
Number of Persons Served (should not include total population of service area or potential population to be reached)	500

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Project Final Report

A final narrative report is required on the use of federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds following the completion of a project during each project year. The information you report will be used to complete the California State Library report of how funds were expended. Excerpts from this report may be submitted to the Federal government in their evaluation, or may be published by the State Library or shared with other institutions. Please answer all of the questions thoroughly. Please attach any reproduction copies of photographs of project activities or media produced for the project.

Project Purpose

Include your program purpose statement here

Little Libraries will add small targeted collections into four areas of the county where currently residents can not effectively use the branch libraries to obtain reading material. Each Little Library will contain materials unique to their particular location. Two of the locations will target adults and seniors, two will target adults and children. Using a central location in each neighborhood will enhance access to the Little Library. The Little Libraries will serve as a pilot project that if successful can be used in other underserved areas throughout the county.

Project Activities and Methods

How did you accomplish the project? What were the steps involved? How did you engage the target audience?

The library partnered with the Friends of the library, First5, and Amador Arts Council to help fund and promote the project. I met with two boards one in River Pines and one in Lake Camanche, I also met with two people in Volcano and Pioneer. We discussed the project, responsibilities of each community; making sure the little library was in good condition and had an ample supply of books. Each community also agreed to decorate their little library.

The library ordered 4 little libraries from Little Free Libraries and purchased the accompanying building material to secure the libraries in their locations.

Dates were set for deploying each library and arrangements made to install the libraries.

Volunteers in each community installed the library and library staff brought the initial collection of books for the individual libraries.

Upon deployment of the libraries pictures were taken of the libraries and in some cases the group of volunteers involved in the library project.

A press release was sent to the local paper, radio and television stations describing the project. A special event was put together around the installation of the first little library in River Pines.

Information about the little library was also shared with the Friends of the Amador County Library, Rotary, Amador Transit Authority, Chamber of Commerce, First5 Amador, and other local groups.

Project Outputs

What was created for the project and how much? (For instance three promotional brochures were created and 75 copies distributed; or three training classes were designed; two sessions of each were held, and 80 people were trained)

One little library informational brochure was created and 500 copies were printed for distribution

One little library survey was created and 500 copies were made for placement in each book

500 little library return envelopes were also printed to return the survey to the library

One little library grant label was created and 250 copies were made to place in each of the books

Project Outcomes (if applicable)

Please state the outcomes and the results of your evaluation.

There has been a very small return of the individual surveys however of those returned all responses have been positive and all respondents have indicated how much they like the little library in their community. The library has received valuable information from the returned surveys indicating the types of books requested for individual libraries.

In all four communities the library has added new books to the libraries since all the original books were placed in each location. Each community has a volunteer or group of volunteers who keep an eye on the library and let staff know when more books are needed.

The volunteers in each community are very happy to have been included in the project and state the library has been well received in their individual locations.

Additional Project Outcomes

Please state any additional intended or unintended outcomes and what data sources you used.

The little libraries have been very popular so much so that some people have taken books and not returned them or replaced them with other books.

The libraries have added a new dimension to library services and given local residents an opportunity to obtain free reading material even if they are unable to get to one of the library's branches..

Anecdotal Information

Tell us a story. Give two or more examples of how the project has helped an individual or group in your community.

1. The little library which is located at the Union Inn in Volcano has seen an increase in use by children. The volunteer/manager of the Union Inn told me about a young girl who was so excited to be able to borrow a book to read that she brought her parents along to explain how she took a book to read and how she needed to put the book back and take a new one making sure others would also have the opportunity to borrow books.

2. The little library located at the market in Pioneer has been so popular both volunteers and staff have had a hard time keeping the library filled.

Exemplary Project

If you feel your project was exemplary and others could learn from it and replicate it, please tell us why.

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We want to learn and improve our grant processes. Please let us know what worked and what we could do differently to make it a better experience. Thank you!

The entire process worked well from the Pitch an Idea to filling out the grant form. It was very helpful to have a grant contact person who helped answer questions I had along the way.

As grants go the process was shorter than most.

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