FLORA PUBLIC LIBRARY AWARDED
BACK TO BOOKS GRANT

Flora Public Library was recently awarded three grants. Another grant project is titled: Flora Public Library: Back to Books-MP3 Audio Book Collection. The grant award is $4,900.00.

The Library plans to establish an MP3 audio book collection which will benefit all present and future patrons in Clay County. Grant funds will be used to establish an MP3 audio book collection to replace the existing outdated books on CD. Popular and bestselling MP3 audio books will be selected based on recommended titles in fiction, non-fiction and biographies. Emphasis will be placed on fiction, bestsellers, and popular authors. Books on MP3 will be promoted with priority to seniors as well as all other adult patrons. The MP3 format was chosen to accommodate patrons who have CD capability and will find the audio component appealing.

We expect to complete this project by the end of February. Watch local media and social media for updates.

Funding for this Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant is provided to the Illinois State Library/Secretary of State, by the U. S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), through the Grants to State Libraries Administrative Agencies program.
FLORA PUBLIC LIBRARY AWARDED DIGITAL NETWORK ENHANCEMENT GRANT

Flora Public Library was recently awarded three grants. The first grant project is titled: Flora Public Library-Digital Network Enhancement. The grant award is $2,265.00.

With this grant, the Library plans to expand and enhance the existing digital network to facilitate more speed and reliability for patron access. A primary target for this grant is local elementary through high school students who have inadequate Internet service to do distance education. Additional targets are other students in the county and individuals working from home. Improved digital access to will also be a core service for all existing and future patrons.

Grant funds will be used to enhance current digital infrastructure by upgrading existing network equipment and Internet service. The enhancement will provide a higher level of digital service, both inside and outside of the library walls, at a time when superior remote access is critical.

We expect to complete this project by the end of February. Watch local media and social media for updates.

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FLORA PUBLIC LIBRARY AWARDED PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) GRANT

Flora Public Library was recently awarded three grants. Another grant project is titled: Flora Public Library: Personal Protective Equipment. The grant award is $500.00.

The Library has purchased a handheld HygenX Vray Portable UV Sterilizer. With this unit, library staff can quickly sterilize hard to clean items in the library, including keyboards, touchscreens, and furniture. The unit works with UV-C light that kills 99.9% of bacteria and features an auto shut off for safety if the unit should be tilted more than thirty degrees in either direction. Using this sterilizer to sanitize items that cannot be sprayed or moistened will make library cleaning for Covid-19 much more efficient and fast.

Three acrylic shields have also been purchased for the circulation desk. Both PPE items will improve and enhance the library’s efforts to prevent and respond to COVID-19.

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