

Project

G2S Project Code: *(system assigned)*

State: **WD**

Fiscal Year: **2013**

Exemplary

Exemplary Narrative:

General Information

Title: **Statewide Databases**

State Project Code: **2013-ABC-2012**

Start Date: **October 1, 2012**

End Date: **September 30, 2014**

Abstract:

In conjunction with the East Dakota and South Dakota County Library Districts, the State Library negotiated licenses to 50 electronic databases and made them available to public schools, charter schools, tribal libraries, and public libraries in West Dakota so that all residents can access digital information resources for school, work, or personal enrichment.

State Goal: **Improving community access to library resources**

Project Director

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Grantee:

Project Outcomes

List any important findings or outcomes from your project:

The databases were used by 184 institutions including public schools and libraries. For the project period, there were 26,697,425 searches completed during 9,024,616 sessions. Users retrieved 1,409,037 documents in HTML and PDF formats, 51,882 images and videos, and 1,722,541 abstracts. Another 236,110 searches were made using OCLC's FirstSearch.

Based on the results of an online, transaction-based survey conducted by 55 (of 184) member institutions, a significant number of public users reported that they improved their skills in locating quality information by using the databases. The survey is administered for one year, in a short, random period each month at the time of user access. Of the 22,956 users that received a pop-up survey, 7,210 users opted to take this three minute survey.

55% of users agreed that they found the information that met their needs.

65% of users agreed they would use this service again.

85% of users agreed they would continue to use another library service.

	Number of Libraries
Libraries by Type	No.
School	61
Public	123

Please briefly describe importance of findings.

Due to decreases in state funding, the Electronic Databases program saw a drop in the number of member libraries and schools (from 82 schools last year to 61 schools this year; and 149 libraries last year to 123 libraries this year).

We note that the percentage of users indicating that they found the information that met their needs decreased by 20 percent when compared to FY2012. Staff have scheduled brief phone interviews with staff from member libraries that reported significant decreases (less than 30 percent of users indicating they found the information that met their needs). In FY2014, we plan to host a convening for our member libraries to discuss these findings among other topics.

What methods did you use to determine your findings? Check all that apply.

Survey Review of Administrative Data Interview/Focus Group

Participant Observation Other

Based on outputs, outcomes and/or other results, explain any significant lessons learned from these findings for either the SLAA or others in the LIS field.

None

Do you anticipate continuing this project after the current reporting period ends? Yes No

If Yes:

Do you anticipate any change in level of effort? Yes No

If Yes: Please briefly describe any changes in the level of effort. Include information about whether you intend to use LSTA or Match funds.

Do you anticipate any change in the project's scope? Yes No

If Yes: Please briefly describe this change in the project's scope.

Do you anticipate any other changes in the project? Yes No

If Yes: Please briefly describe this change in level of effort.

If No: Please describe why.

Additional Materials

Attach File (file limit: 40MB)

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Budget Information

Salaries/Wages/Benefits

LSTA	MATCH-State	MATCH-Other	Total
35,700			

Description: Salaries (five employees @ part time)

Consultant Fees

LSTA	MATCH-State	MATCH-Other	Total
40,000			

Description: 2 consultants contracted to conduct a statewide evaluation of OCLC/Gale services and implement transactional surveys.

Travel

LSTA	MATCH-State	MATCH-Other	Total
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5,000			
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Description: Transport to and from public libraries and schools across the state.

Supplies/Materials

LSTA	MATCH-State	MATCH-Other	Total

Description:

Equipment

LSTA	MATCH-State	MATCH-Other	Total

Description:

Services

LSTA	MATCH-State	MATCH-Other	Total
1,800,000			

Description: 14 OCLC Databases. 97 Gale Databases. 2 local Databases; subscription to webinar service.

Other Operational Expenses

LSTA	MATCH-State	MATCH-Other	Total

Description:

Totals: (system calculated)

LSTA	MATCH-State	MATCH-Other	Total
1,880,700			

Intent: (select one)

- Improve the library workforce
- Improve the library's physical and technological infrastructure
- Improve library operations

- Improve users' ability to discover information.
- Improve users' ability to obtain information resources.

- Improve users' formal education
- Improve users' general knowledge and skills

- Improve users' ability to apply information that furthers their personal, family, or household finances
- Improve users' ability to apply information that furthers their personal or family health & wellness
- Improve users' ability to apply information that furthers their parenting and family skills

- Improve users' ability to use resources and apply information for employment support
- Improve users' ability to use and apply business resources

- Improve users' ability to participate in their community
- Improve users' ability to participate in community conversations around topics of concern.

Subject(s): (select up to two)

- Arts, Culture & Humanities
- Business & Finance
 - Employment
 - Personal Finance
 - Small Business
- Civic Affairs
 - Community Concerns
 - Government
- Education
 - After-school activities
 - Curriculum support
- Environment
- General (select only for electronic databases or other data sources)
- Health & Wellness
 - Parenting & Family skills
 - Personal/Family health & wellness
- History
- Languages
- Literacy
 - Adult Literacy
 - Digital Literacy
 - Early Literacy
 - Reading Program (Not Summer Reading)
 - Summer Reading
- Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)
- Library Infrastructure & Capacity
 - Broadband Adoption
 - Buildings & Facilities
 - Certification
 - Collection Development & Management
 - Continuing Education and Staff Development
 - Disaster Preparedness
 - Library Skills
 - Programming & Event Planning
 - Research & Statistics
 - Outreach & Partnerships

- Systems & Technologies
- Other:

Activities: [see *Activities Questions Template*]

Project Tags: databases, oclc, gale