

**Illinois State Library
FY2009 LSTA Grant Awards
Metropolitan Library System**

Bridgeview Bridgeview Public Library

Value of Resource Sharing \$25,000.00

"Becoming A Full SWAN Member"

The grant "Becoming a full SWAN member" will permit the patrons of the Bridgeview Public Library to have access to an online consortium. The patron will be able to place holds from home, manage their patron account and receive instant notification when their requested books have arrived in the library. The Bridgeview Patron will now enjoy the same benefits of their friends in neighboring communities who are full members of SWAN.

Chicago Columbia College Chicago

Digital Imaging \$14,700.00

"The John Fischetti Editorial Cartoon Project"

The Columbia College Chicago John Fischetti Editorial Cartoon Project, named after the late Chicago Daily News political cartoonist, preserves, describes and provides online access to more than 2,500 original cartoon sketches created by its namesake. A syndicated cartoonist, Fischetti's work reached a national audience and he won the Pulitzer Prize for political cartooning in 1969. The online collection permits researchers, students, faculty, and the public to browse, search and view the drawings in a digital format and use them non-commercially. By focusing on Fischetti's political cartoon sketches, this collection highlights the artist's creative process, illustrating the development of Fischetti's ideas.

Chicago Illinois Institute of Technology - Paul V. Galvin Library

Digital Imaging \$55,685.00

"Voices of the Holocaust"

In 1946, a psychology professor from Chicago's Lewis Institute named David Boder traveled to war-torn Europe in order to record the stories of Holocaust survivors in their own words. His efforts represent the earliest known oral histories of one of the most cataclysmic events of the 20th century. The mission of the Voices of the Holocaust project, curated by the Paul V. Galvin Library at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, IL, is to digitize, restore, and transcribe Dr. Boder's historic recordings so that they can be presented online to be experienced by a worldwide audience and preserved for future generations.

Chicago Newberry Library

Digital Imaging \$20,000.00

"Daily Life Along the Railroads: Mid-Twentieth Century Images of the Rural and Urban Midwest"

To celebrate its 1955 centennial, the Chicago Burlington and Quincy Railroad set out to document its impact in a pictorial social history. It hired well-recognized photojournalists, Esther Bubley and Russell Lee, who shot over 3,000 images of life in the 1940s Midwest, Great Plains, and Mountain States. The Newberry Library proposes to digitize a selection of these unique photographs, focusing on Illinois scenes, and the railroad and its workers. "Daily Life Along the Railroad: Mid-Twentieth Century Images of the Rural and Urban Midwest" will uncover these hidden gems for social, local, architecture, and railroad historians, classroom use, and publishers' illustrations.

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Rican/Latino community. Funding will cover staff time needed to identify representative images, create metadata, digitize images, and create an online introduction accessible from both the UIC and PRCC websites.

Elmwood Park Elmwood Park High School Library

In Sync With Technology \$44,436.00

"Moving Elmwood Park High School Library's Reference Collection Into the 21st Century: Transitioning from Print to Online Resources"

Given our very limited library budget and the age of our existing print collection, it is prudent for us to begin moving from print to online resources. Most of these online resources are available through the public library to students with a library card, so we will work with them to get cards to more students and to train the students with cards in the use of those resources. Our students need more access in the library to computers than they currently have-21 students per computer-and we'd like to add laptops so the students can access information either here or at home on a checkout basis.

Elmwood Park Elmwood Park Public Library

Digital Imaging \$6,576.00

"A Village Grows: 50 Years of Life in Elmwood Park"

Pioneer Life in the early to mid-twentieth century outside of Chicago makes for interesting reflection. How a newborn community struggled to adjust to human and economic concerns and maintained its independence is the focus of a special collection: "A Village Grows: 50 Years of Life in Elmwood Park." The Elmwood Park Library realizes the importance of providing access to the relevant photographs, maps, advertising sheets and documents which the Library wishes to preserve and exhibit digitally on a statewide basis to those researching the history of the Village, as well as to all citizens.

Melrose Park Melrose Park Public Library

Digital Imaging \$20,300.00

"Proviso Township in War and Peace: The Digitization of the Herald, 1941-1945"

The goal of the Melrose Park Public Library project, "Melrose Park in War and Peace: The Digitization of The Herald, 1941-45," is to digitize the library's editions of the local newspaper from the World War II years. By doing so, the library will be preserving this valuable historical record while providing online access for its target audience: students, historians, and past and present residents of Proviso Township. The digitally preserved newspaper will be placed on the Illinois Digital Archives. The library will digitize these years because the newspapers illustrate how World War II affected both the local population and industry.