

Overview of the Creation Program Grant

The Office of Commonwealth Libraries establishes a Five-Year Plan for the use of the Library Services and Technology Act funds in Pennsylvania based on the priorities established by IMLS for the LSTA program. The second goal in Pennsylvania's Five-Year Plan for 2013-2017 is to create opportunities for libraries to enhance their capacity to provide 21st Century resources, services, and programs to their communities. The Creation Program grant is offered to meet this goal.

The Office of Commonwealth Libraries is accepting LSTA grant applications from libraries to create opportunities for library users to experience hands-on creation in the library. Creation Program examples include:

- Audio and video production
- Makerspaces
- Digital Media Learning Labs
- Other media learning devices

These and other ideas can be explored further by visiting the following websites:

[Libraries & Maker Culture: A Resource Guide](#)

[HackPittsburgh](#)

[Makings of Maker Spaces \(The Digital Shift\)](#)

[Erie MakerSpace](#)

[Making the Case for a Public Library Makerspace](#)

[Scranton MakerFaire](#)

[Makerspaces \(Youth Services Librarianship\)](#)

[Pittsburgh MakerFaire](#)

[MakerJawn \(Philadelphia\)](#)

[Make magazine](#)

Grants up to the maximum amount of \$50,000 may be awarded to individual library applicants for Creation Program projects.