

California State Library
Library Services and Technology Act

Final Narrative Report

This report is due thirty (30) days after the completion date of the grant period, on July 31. Note that failure to submit this report within the timelines of the grant program could jeopardize receipt of the final 10% grant payment. Mail a total of **THREE** copies of the report, one with original signature. Send to:

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1. Grant Award ID # 40-6414
2. Project Title Local History Digital Resources Program
3. FY 2006
4. Total project period July 2005 through July 2006
5. Grantee Palos Verdes Library District
6. Address 701 Silver Spur Road
7. Contact David Campbell 8. Telephone/E-mail 310-377-9584, e284
9. Needs.
 1. Professional scanning of digital resources.
 2. Professional cataloging of digital resources.
 3. Receive training in best practices for digital metadata.

Applicant Jurisdiction: _____

Project Title: Local History Digital Resources Program

10. Project abstract.

The collection includes over 3,000 photographs which provide a pictorial history of the Palos Verdes Peninsula and its buildings as they were constructed. A gift from the Palos Verdes Homes Association, most of the pictures originally appeared in the Palos Verdes Bulletin, published from November 1924 through October 1931 as the area's first newsletter.

Goal:

To improve access and boost cultural awareness of Californians and Palos Verdes residents by digitizing the photographs in the local history collection and publishing them online.

Project Objectives:

- 1) Decide on the items to be digitized.
- 2) Train staff and volunteers in the best practices of digital imaging and scanning.
- 3) Prepare the items for cataloging and publication on the web.
- 4) Create a database driven website to share the photographs with the target audience.

Results of the Objectives:

- 1) Completed according to schedule.
- 2) The local history librarian and volunteers were trained in digital imaging best practices.
- 3) All 200 photographs from the project were scanned and cataloged. In addition, another 2000 photos were scanned by volunteers and cataloged by a librarian.
- 4) Available now: <http://www.pvld.org/pvhistory/index.htm>

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11. Project accomplishments.

1. Scanned and cataloged 200 photos as part of the grant process.
2. Used grant funds to hire a contract cataloger. Over 2000 photos are now scanned, cataloged, and available online.
3. Upgraded our hardware by purchasing an over-sized scanner recommended by Califa. Microtek ScanMaker 9800XL
4. Our collection of photos is posted on our website:

<http://www.pvld.org/pvhistory/index.htm>

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12. Subjective evaluation.

Overall the project was managed well. I really like the idea of finishing the project within a year. Although some of our scans came back too dark, the real concern is with the software license for ContentDM after the grant year. The software is superior to other products on the market at the moment. However, it's expensive, and even if the CDL can host another 50 photos for us, we already have over 2000 photos housed in another database program. Palos Verdes Library District was hoping to get some type of discount on the purchase of the product since we participated in the grant. Especially since we had training on it.

13. Project continuation.

The Palos Verdes Library District will continue to enhance the local history digital resources collection. Funding will come from the Friends of the Library or private donations. The local history librarian and digital library manager have already trained 4 volunteers to help with scanning more images. The collection is a core component of the PVLD digital library and has been incorporated into the strategic plan.

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