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#### KIRKWOOD LIBRARY EMPLOYEES AWARDED GRANTS

Lynn Bosso and Julia McDonald, both employees of Kirkwood Public Library were awarded grants this spring to supplement their budgets and offer programs and outreach that would otherwise be unavailable to library patrons. These projects are supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

Ms. Bosso, Acting Director of Youth Services and Programming was awarded a \$5,549 grant to supplement the library's summer reading program. Monies will be used to increase participation and access to library materials through outreach into the community. The grant money will also be used to enhance the library's Reading Buddies program, which supports childhood education by providing a young child-teen mentoring experience that encourages developing readers.

Ms. McDonald, Adult Services was awarded a \$653 grant for descriptive dvds that are formatted to aid the visually impaired. During the summer, the descriptive dvds will be used for programs at Senior Residential facilities in the Kirkwood community. The descriptive dvds will also be available to Kirkwood Library patrons for checkout. Library staff members already serve individual patrons with differing degrees of visual impairment and want to reach out to others in the community who would benefit from descriptive dvds providing entertainment or educational value.

Congratulations to Ms. Bosso and Ms. McDonald for their efforts on behalf of the Kirkwood community.