

Henderson County Public Library Receives Federal Grant

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The Henderson County Public Library is the recipient of a \$97,388 grant to initiate the first year of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tagging of the physical collection. Library Services and Technology Act funds awarded by the State Library of North Carolina are made possible through funding from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the LSTA as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

These federal funds are investments that help libraries deliver relevant and up-to-date services for their communities. At Henderson County Public Library, the LSTA grant will fund the installation and implementation of radio frequency identification technology. Library users will experience reduced wait times with a minimal rate of error. RFID will allow staff to focus less attention on material handling and more attention on solving resident's more complex information needs. RFID technology will also offer inventory tracking and security control to protect material investments. Library Director Trina Rushing said, "Our goal is to provide library users with a high quality, efficient library experience. We feel confident that the combination of time-saving check-in and check-out and enhanced security features provided by this technology will allow us to meet that goal."

Henderson County Public Library received one of the 53 competitive grants for fiscal year 2018-2019 awarded to North Carolina libraries from this year's federal allotment of over \$2.6 million.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 122,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. To learn more about the Institute, please visit www.ims.gov.

For more information about North Carolina's LSTA program visit the State Library of North Carolina's LSTA web page or contact the State Library's Federal Programs Consultant at 919-807-7423.