



The New York State Library Universal Broadband Access Grant

The New York State Library is one of nine grant recipients in the Universal Broadband Access Grant program administered by the New York State Office for Technology (OFT). This matching grant provides State funds totaling \$235,500 to enable three public library systems in rural areas with inadequate connectivity to build or improve broadband access for targeted libraries and communities.

Project Criteria and Goals:

- Improve the accessibility of high-speed Internet in high-need communities
- Assist communities developing digital technology solutions for broadband connectivity
- Accelerate the use of state E-government services offered through the Internet for citizens, businesses, and visitors to New York State
- Increase training opportunities for digital literacy for the residents of New York.
- Foster economic development regionally in underserved and unserved areas through broadband expansion

Project Implementation Timeline: January 20, 2010 to January 19, 2011

Project Scope:

Three library systems will receive matching grants from the State Library to create and/or improve broadband infrastructure or broadband networks for targeted libraries and communities. Through the grant, these library systems will:

- Connect isolated communities to a reliable Internet service for improved access to integrated library system and other electronic resources;
- Manage system-wide bandwidth allocation for improved library operation and computing;
- Create local network operation management upgrades.

Grant Participants:

Four County Library System, serving Broome, Chenango, Delaware, and Otsego Counties, will receive **\$72,128** to upgrade the satellite for the system's award-winning mobile library, "the Cybermobile" to enable delivery of book, media and digital collections to rural areas not served by a local public libraries and install member library network management technology to apportion and increase bandwidth.

Mid-York Library System, serving Madison, Oneida and Herkimer counties will receive **\$51,169** to upgrade connectivity at 4 member libraries in New Hartford, Rome, Utica and Whitesboro and to create new broadband service at a fifth library in Jordanville. The funding will improve reliable public access computing and provide new network broadband management equipment.

North Country Library System, serving St. Lawrence, Jefferson, Lewis and Oswego counties, will receive **\$112,203** to install broadband Internet services at the Clifton Community Library in the town of Cranberry Lake and to provide two wireless relay points in and near Frankfort, New York for the Osceola Public Library and the Osceola community. This new configuration will also enable a future connection to a fiber-optic network to be deployed in 2010-2011 by the Development Authority of New York (DANC).



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Participating Libraries and Library Systems

Four County Library System

Broome, Chenango, Delaware, and Otsego Counties: "Cybermobile" Service Area

Mid-York Library System

Herkimer County: Jordanville Public Library, Jordanville

Oneida County: Jervis Public Library Association, Rome

New Hartford Public Library, New Hartford

Utica Public Library, Utica

Dunham Public Library, Whitesboro

North Country Library System

St. Lawrence County: Clifton Community Library, Cranberry Lake

Lewis County: Osceola Public Library, Osceola

