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Library Foundation Grant for Archives Upgrade a Great Start for FY2018-2019

Danville - Danville Library Foundation (DLF) has generously supported Danville Public Library for many years. In late May, the DLF Board awarded \$43,636 in grants for programs, services, and materials for fiscal year 2018-2019, which began May 1, 2018.

Local history buffs and genealogists will be pleased to learn that the first of the grants has been used to augment the technology in the Archives Room at the library.

In recent years, public interest in the ability to scan and save microfilm documents electronically has increased. Thanks to a grant from DLF's Technology Endowment Fund, the library has purchased a second Kodak 2400DSV-E Microfilm Scanner System along with a kit and software to upgrade the original Kodak 2400. The library now provides public access to three microfilm machines that will scan, save and print documents. On busy weekends, the additional machine also gives Adult Services staff a machine to work with when answering local and long distance genealogy and history requests.

Other grants approved by DLF will provide new print and audiovisual materials for all age groups, magnifiers for persons with visual impairments through the Dr. Angelo and Alberta Anaclerio Fund, Festival of Trees story times, the annual Books Aloud library field trip for area 1st and 4th graders, materials to complement Dr. John Flattery's Silk Road series, and this newsletter.

In addition to the microfilm scanner, Technology Endowment Fund monies also were granted toward computers for the Teen Space and a Windows 10 upgrade to all library public, staff, and foundation computers.

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