

2008/09 LSTA – Early Learning with Families (ELF) Initiative

The Early Learning with Families (ELF) initiative was designed to help position public libraries as community resources for strengthening the capacity of families to nurture their children's early development. By offering professional development and training in the areas of early childhood development and family dynamics, highlighting a variety of promising service delivery models, and encouraging Children's and Literacy services partnerships, this initiative has enabled 53 participating libraries to become more family centered and responsive to the needs of infants, toddlers and preschoolers. For 2008/09, 18 libraries have been awarded targeted LSTA grants to pursue various activities aimed at enhancing their services and improving the library environment for families with very young children. In addition, a website has been created that provides relevant training modules, resource materials, and an information sharing network that is available to all libraries interested in ELF at www.elflibraries.org.

<u>Library/Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Award</u>
Downey City Library	\$21,823
El Dorado County Library	\$25,000
Glendora Library & Cultural Center	\$10,000
Kern County Library	\$25,000
Lassen Library District	\$9,632
Los Angeles Public Library	\$25,000
Marin County Free Library	\$25,000
Mission Viejo City Library	\$15,500
Mono County Free Library	\$25,000
Monterey Public Library	\$23,000
Ontario City Library	\$10,000
Palos Verdes Library District	\$5,000
Rancho Cucamonga Public Library	\$25,000
Riverside County Library System	\$25,000
Roseville Public Library	\$25,000
San Bernardino County Library	\$25,000
Sutter County Library	\$25,000
Yolo County Library	\$25,000