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Q2

What are the goals and objectives of your project?

The goal of the project is to upgrade the audio visual equipment in the Computer Lab by purchasing a new projector and in-ceiling speakers in order to provide a better learning experience for patrons.

Q3

How will this project change the library building?

A new project will be installed in the ceiling of the computer lab replacing the aging projector, and new speakers will be installed.

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How will this project benefit your patrons?

The new projector and speakers will provide a much better experience for patrons in classes by improving the image on the screen from the projector. This will reduce eye strain, improve overall participation, and make learning materials like graphs, charts or videos more accessible. The improved audio will ensure patrons are able to hear all of the presentation. Clear and accurate audio is essential for effective communication and learning.

Q5

What is the timeline for the project?

The projector and speakers will be ordered in March/April 2025 and installed in April/May 2025

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Q6

EVALUATION: What tools will you use to evaluate the program quantitatively (i.e. statistics)? What tools will you use to measure the program's success qualitatively?

Quantitative measurement: Compare the number of patrons taking classes and determine if there is an increase.

Qualitative measurement: Classes that take place in the computer lab are given evaluation forms after each class. These forms will be compared to the forms that were completed prior to the upgrade.

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Walkthrough narrative of Computer Lab

Barbara Jones – frequent computer class patron

The existing projector's audio quality has been consistently problematic. The sound often comes across as high-pitched and tinny, which makes it difficult for students and staff to clearly hear and engage with the content being presented. In a learning environment, this can lead to frustration, decreased comprehension, and an overall lack of engagement, particularly for those with hearing sensitivity or in larger rooms. Clear and accurate audio is essential for effective communication and learning. With upgraded sound equipment, students would be able to follow the presentation more easily, improving their focus and comprehension. Whether it's a lecture, tutorial, or group collaboration, good audio ensures that no one misses important details.

The current projector's image quality and screen size are suboptimal for a productive learning experience. The display is often difficult to see, especially in larger groups or for students sitting further away from the screen. Finer details and text can become blurry or indistinct, making it harder for everyone in the room to follow along, especially when working with complex data or visual aids. Upgrading to a larger screen and a clearer, higher-resolution projector would enhance visual engagement for all students, regardless of where they are seated. A crisp, easily visible display would reduce eye strain, improve overall participation, and make learning materials like graphs, charts, or videos more accessible. This would ensure that the entire class can fully absorb the content without the need to squint or strain to see important information.

These improvements would address significant barriers to effective learning and enhance the educational experience for all students. The ability to both hear and see content clearly is essential for any active engagement and successful learning outcomes. By investing in better sound and image quality, we are fostering an environment where students can absorb, interact with, and retain the information being presented without unnecessary distractions or frustrations.

Barbara Harrison – Computer class patron

The last class I was in when the facilitator tried to use the projection equipment. It kept breaking down so she finally gave up and described what she had planned to project on the screen. She did a great job ad-libbing but it certainly would have enhanced her descriptions, if the projection equipment was working.

Jack McKeown – Computer class patron

I have attended two different classes (one was five weeks long). I found it difficult to view the images and details on the projection screen. It's somewhat fuzzy. I believe it is time to upgrade to a new projection screen and a new projector.

Note – we have several walkthrough narratives of the entire building that can be included, but since this project is specifically for the Computer Lab, only those evaluations were included.

Southern Adirondack Library System 2025 Challenge Grant Application

Budget:

In the "details" column, provide information on the item being budgeted for in this category.

Category	Project Funds Requested	In-Kind/Matching	Total	Details
Purchased Services			-	
Equipment	3,652.64		3,652.64	Somy VPL-PHZ60 6000 Lumen Laser Projector (\$2,6476.80); HDMI Switch 5 in 1 (\$29.99); Knker USB C to HDMI Adapter (\$16.00); Mini Display Port Male to HDMI Male Cable (\$9.89); Highwings 4K Display Port to HDMI Adapter (\$7.99); PROZOR Power Amplifier (74.99); Energeaster 14 Gauge Wire 100 FT (\$15.99); Sonos in-ceiling by Sonance (\$649); new
Materials/			-	
Personnel		326.15	326.15	5 hours of Computer Specialist installation time; 5 hours of IT Support Technician installation time
CE Program			-	
Travel			-	
Total	\$ 3,652.64	\$ 326.15	\$ 3,978.79	

Library Director Signature: Abutilius

Board President Signature: AVA

Date: 3/24/25

Submit all documents as PDFs through our online application portal.

Hand-written applications will not be accepted.



Computer Lab



Projector

