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## **SHAW UNIVERSITY LIBRARY AWARDED FEDERAL GRANT**

(Raleigh, NC) – The James E. Cheek Learning Resource Center (Shaw University Library) has been awarded a \$20,000 grant that will be used for planning the use of existing space, as well as providing and expanding services to all library users. The federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) were awarded by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Cultural Resources.

These federal funds are used to help libraries deliver relevant and up-to-date services for their communities. At *Shaw University* the LSTA grant will help with a multitude of urgent tasks. These include, but are not limited to: planning and redesigning services to users; developing an expansive technology plan; expanding the integrated library system; developing both campus and community-based learning programs; curate and better preserving the University's archives and special collections, among other tasks.

Upon learning that the library at Shaw University received the federal grant, Musette McKelvey, who serves as the Interim Library Director, said, "We are more than pleased to have been awarded this grant. It provides a great opportunity to expand and enhance the collection, public services, technical services and electronic resources that support the university's mission and strategic plan." Shaw University students, faculty and staff will benefit from the study and research that will be available.

The Shaw University Library received one of the 185 grants for fiscal year 2009-2010 awarded to North Carolina libraries; funding for all projects totaled \$4,717,109. The LSTA grant program administered by the State Library of North Carolina funds projects across the State that help libraries deliver learning opportunities for a lifetime, support libraries in their mission to provide cost-effective access to the Internet and to information expertise, and make library resources more accessible to all users.

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. Through the LSTA Grants to States program, IMLS provides funds to State Library agencies using a population-based

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formula. State libraries may use the appropriation to support statewide initiatives and services; they may also distribute the funds through sub-grants to public, academic, school, special, and research libraries.

Shaw University is proud to be a part of this grants program.

To learn more about the Institute, visit [www.ims.gov](http://www.ims.gov). For more information about North Carolina's LSTA program visit the State Library of North Carolina's LSTA web page at <http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/lsta/lsta.htm> , or contact Penny Hornsby at (919) 807-7420.



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