

# WiLS Ideas to Action Grant Report

Patterson Memorial Library  
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**Purpose:** The purpose of the WiLS Ideas to Action Grant was to create a space in our library where people could not only record their own family history, whether on audio or audio/visual means, and convert their older analog media to a digital format, i.e. CD, DVD. USB or SD Card. Family Histories would be put up on our website. If the other media is of significant local interest, we will see about gaining permission to archive on our website (using Winnefox's hosting).

**Scope of project:** The project has been quite fluid, changing to meet goals or when other opportunities were presented. Originally the grant was written with an eye towards creating the space. Partway through, we received funds from Jerry Apps to create a Jerry Apps Reading Room, which was a huge bonus as we were able to create a storeroom and use WiLS Ideas to Action Grant funds for equipment and sound control. We also added a space for Zoom Meetings, as our patrons in the summer include vacationing people who need a place to conduct meetings.

We have been able to create a space that is comfortable and easy to use, we are still working on creating How To videos to use the equipment.

## **Welcome to the Memory Spot!**

The Memory Spot at the Patterson Memorial Library is a multi-use area. Our patrons (and others) are able to convert:

- VHS and VHS-C
- Super 8mm and 8mm films
- Slides
- Film Negatives (35mm, 110, 126)
- Cassette tapes

All to digital formats – CD/DVD discs, USB Thumb drives or SD Cards.

At the present time, we are charging \$5 for USB and SD Cards, as they were purchased separately from the grant monies, however CD/DVD/R discs and jewel cases are leftover from an earlier time, and are so far free.

We have recently added a device to retrieve files from a hard drive and from a cell phone to make it easier to switch or save the files on a phone.

At another desk, we have an iPad Pro and a Zoom Q2 Audio Recorder for families to record their stories. Once recorded, these will be put up on our website, where they link to a page Winnefox hosts for us.

## **Welcome to the Meeting Spot!**

We have created a relatively quiet area for those who need to meet over distance while in our area. Last year, we had several people who were on vacation, yet still had to report for a meeting. The Meeting Spot, is a semi-private area designed to give traveling professionals a place to join a meeting. The panels we have are sound absorbing, and we have also attached some panels to the wall, to help mitigate sound bounce.

In addition, there are two Lume sidelights, to help create a professional looking meeting.

**Photos:** Here are photos of the areas. The first shows the area we created using the sound absorbing panels, the next one shows the Meeting Spot at the other end, 3<sup>rd</sup> is The Memory Spot digitization area, and Fourth is the Meeting Spot.





Financial Report: The following Excel clip shows how the money was spent. Notice that we went over by a little, but that was covered by grant monies from the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin.

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Date	Description	Cost	Running Total
Oct-21	Grant Fund Established		\$ 3,684.48
11.22.2021	LumeCube Edge Light 2pack for Video Recording	\$ 198.00	\$ 3,486.48
3.7.2022	Kodak Multi Slide n Scan multi format	\$ 169.99	\$ 3,316.49
3.23.22	Power Strip w/USB	\$ 38.99	\$ 3,277.50
3.25.22	Outlet 6 Sided Tap (2)	\$ 10.50	\$ 3,267.00
5.23.2022	Sound Absorbtion Panels	\$ 1,299.20	\$ 1,967.80
5.23.2022	Table (Muskego)	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,942.80
July	Hex Sound Proofing	\$ 27.99	\$ 1,914.81
July	Rectangular Sound Proofing	\$ 49.99	\$ 1,864.82
July	Emeet Webcam	\$ 31.99	\$ 1,832.83
July	Acer 22" Monitors	\$ 185.98	\$ 1,646.85
July	HP 20 Core Processor	\$ 838.91	\$ 807.94
Aug	HP 20 Core Processor	\$ 838.91	\$ (30.97)
	Extra from CFCWi Grant	30.97	

Draft Signage: We have created some signage, but it has not been produced yet. We hope to have this finalized and printed professionally for display in the area.



# The Meeting SPOT

MEET ON YOUR FAVORITE DISTANCE PLATFORM,  
USING OUR COMPUTER OR YOURS!

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by the **WILS** Ideas to  
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And with funds from:

