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Re: Letter of Support for the Rowan Public Library – Podcast Studio and Instructional Space  
Rowan Public Library – Headquarters  
201 W. Fisher Street  
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LSTA EZ Grant  
Review Panel

The Andrew Carnegie Library is excited to write this letter of support for the Rowan Public Library to provide a Podcast Production Studio and Instructional Space in their current Makerspace.

In addition to providing this service for the community, this production and instructional space will also benefit the students at Livingstone College as well as other small institutions and organizations in the area. Having the use of technology to produce their own podcasts and extra meeting places would be helpful to students, faculty, and staff. The students at Livingstone use the public library regularly.

The Andrew Carnegie Library is committed to participating in projects with Rowan Public Library.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I currently serve as the Director of Digital Pedagogy and Scholarship at the Corriher-Linn-Black Library at Catawba College. In this role, I also supervise the Greg and Missie Alcorn Digital Learning Lab at Catawba College where we have a variety of resources available for student and faculty use as they create and imagine new ways to construct and convey their knowledge and content expertise.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my support of the Podcast Production Studio project applied for by the Rowan County Public Library. Seeing this technology available to all county residents ensures equitable access to emerging technologies and will increase communication and representation for all patrons.

The studio will allow our students to access equipment and leverage community resources to serve a variety of patron types. It will also be exciting to collaborate with librarians from the public library for projects and programs utilizing the studio space and materials. Currently, we have a planned tour of our Digital Learning Lab in March for Rowan County librarians and my hope is to identify collaboration opportunities for the future. Access to a podcasting studio will leverage new technologies and tools as we create opportunities to serve the Rowan County community.

This exciting and innovative project has my wholehearted support and I look forward to future collaborations with these librarians.

Sincerely,

**Amanda Bosch**

Director of Digital Pedagogy and Scholarship



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Dear LSTA EZ:

Please allow me to recommend Rowan Public Library in Salisbury, NC, for an LSTA EZ Grant.

Our library, with its four county branches, hopes to outfit the current Makerspace with a Podcast Production Studio and Instructional Space at the main branch. The studio and instructional space will provide opportunities for patrons to use the studio to produce their own podcasts/audio projects, for classes to be taught, and for support to be offered to other organizations and county departments.

The library intends for the current *Gather Round Good People* podcast to continue and for programming options to expand if the studio and instructional space becomes reality. Rowan County currently has no such public place, and, with the assistance of our excellent staff of librarians, this addition to our Makerspace would encourage and empower local citizens to become creators.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hubbard  
President  
Friends of Rowan Public Library