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Pack Horse Library Initiative

The Pack Horse Library Initiative, sponsored by the federal Works Progress Administration, sent mounted librarians into 10,000 square miles of rural Kentucky between 1934 and 1943 to supply reading materials.

Brave Equestriennes

These librarians were primarily women and they rode 100 to 120 miles each week delivering books for \$28 per month during the Great Depression

Self Determined Project?

https://projectcentral.ohio4h.org/wpcontent/uploads/2013/10/365 Self Determined Projec t Guide 20151.pdf

What about a team project for Hippology? The topic is amenable to a variety of skill levels and experiences, so it could serve junior and senior members of the team. There are travel/research/fair participation options galore!

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HEAD HEART HANDS/HOOVES HEALTH



Please consider learning about the PHLI this year for your school assignments and 4-H projects

Possible Team Activities:

- Group Project with many facets aimed at State Horse Events
 - Speeches or presentations in character
 - o Ride Jr. Competitive Trail in character
 - Complete State Skillathon in character
 - o Complete Groom N Clean in character
 - State Fair Posters
 - Employment notice as Mounted Librarians
 - Fact sheets
 - Re-enact some photos
- Visit Goodman-Paxton Photographic Collection, Kentucky Digital Library
- Research and visit one or more places
- Virtual research-Kentucky Digital Library
- Research specific librarians (E.g.: Grace Overbee)
- Read Children's books on topic
 - o That Book Woman (2008) by Heather Henderson
 - o The Great Depression for Kids (2015) by Cheryl Mullenbach
 - o Down Cut Shin Creek (2010) by Kathi Appelt and Jeanne Cannella Schmitzer
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- Costume Lead In-group activity including passing out literature at MC fair
- County Fair Posters

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