

## Taking Note of Foreign Languages

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Award: \$730

The grant funded purchase of

1. French, Italian, and Spanish DVDs to comply with close captioning requirements;
2. Class sets of readers for the above languages;
3. Two Livescribe Echo smart pens to be used by students with learning disabilities or challenges taking notes during traditional lectures.

Outcome: The project purchased five films per language and 10 readers per language. In addition, two smart pens, cases and chargers were purchased.

Excerpts from project report: “the CARE Fund award has allowed the Foreign Language Department to offer more teaching resources to the students in the program, enriching the delivery of the required curriculum. The smart pens were piloted in several Spanish classes this year. In each case, the students using the smart pens were more successful at following the lecture when using the pen to record the lecture... Based on the outcomes of this grant, the Foreign Language Department Coordinator has put together a workshop about Basic Skills approaches to the language classroom and how to incorporate film, reading, and the use of smart pens as learning tools.”

