

# ALA American Library Association

## LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT (LSTA)

The LSTA consolidates federal library programs, while expanding services for learning and access to information resources in all types of libraries (public, school, academic, research, etc.) for individuals of all ages. It is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and is distributed through state library agencies to individual libraries via formula grants. There is a requirement for a state match, which helps stimulate approximately \$3 to \$4 for every federal dollar invested.

LSTA links libraries electronically and helps provide users access to information through state, regional, national, and international networks. Federal resources help target library services to people of diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds, to individuals with disabilities, and to people with limited literacy or skills.

Around the country, knowledgeable librarians use LSTA funding, the only federal program solely devoted to aiding libraries, to help patrons access essential information on a wide range of topics. They offer training on résumé development; help on web searches of job banks; workshops on career information; links to essential educational and community services; assistive devices for people with disabilities; family literacy classes; homework help and mentoring programs; books and resources to support adults and children dealing with loss; information on religions and other cultures; access to government information; a forum for enhanced civic engagement, and so much more.

Libraries encourage business development, and help to retain and create jobs. Libraries serve as important links to the business community, assisting with job creation and training programs, as well as assisting with business development initiatives. For many small businesses the library provides research resources and staff they could not otherwise afford.

### FUNDING HISTORY

LSTA was reauthorized as part of the Museum and Library Services Act of 2003 (H.R.13) and signed by the President on September 25, 2003 (P.L. 108-81). Every fiscal year, Congress provides funding for LSTA in the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

<u>FY 2004</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007 President's Request</u>
\$198,242,000	\$205,951,000	\$210,597,000	\$220,855,000

**Urge Congress to support the President's request of \$220.855 million for the Library Services and Technology Act**

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