

IOWA LSTA FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2015



The State Library of Iowa relies on Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding from the federal government to deliver statewide library development initiatives and services to Iowa libraries and citizens. This critical funding is tied to matching dollars the State Library receives from the Iowa Legislature.

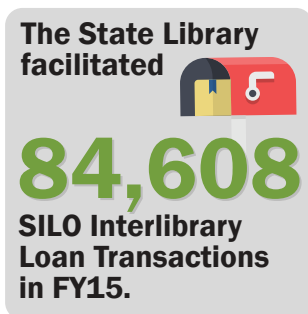
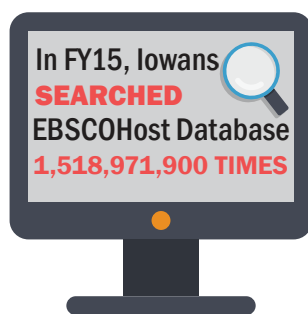
Annually, states are required to report on the projects, activities, and outcomes that resulted from LSTA grants. This report is a snapshot of a more detailed report submitted to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the federal agency that administers LSTA funding through the Grants to States Program. The amounts and projects described in this report are from the FFY14 LSTA grant of \$1,839,676 and do not include matching state funds.

For more information on how the State Library uses LSTA funding, go to:
www.statelibraryofiowa.org/about/lsta.

STATE LIBRARY LSTA GRANT PROJECTS

DATABASES, SILO, ILL PROGRAMMING

The largest portion of LSTA funds went to subscriptions and discounts for databases and support for a statewide interlibrary loan program. The State Library provides research databases, including EBSCOHost and OCLC Firstsearch, for Iowa libraries to offer their patrons. The interlibrary loan program allows Iowans access to items not available in their community library, and includes a hosted online catalog called the Locator and web-based borrowing application that was used by 712 libraries of different types across Iowa.

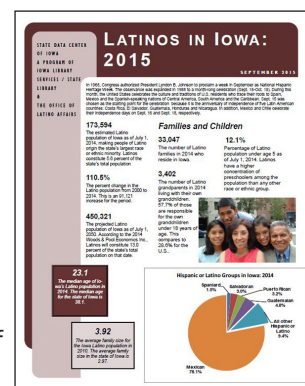


CERTIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION PROGRAMS

The State Library Certification and Accreditation programs encourage Iowa libraries to strive for the best possible service with qualified staff through defined standards and requirements for certification. LSTA funds provided salaries and benefits for State Library consultants and staff to administer the programs, and software for Iowa libraries to submit annual surveys used in the accreditation program.

STATE DATA CENTER

As a unit of the State Library, the State Data Center's mission is to increase the availability of U.S. Census data in Iowa and help people use it. Funds were spent on salaries, an updated website and developing and publicizing Iowa demographic profiles and reports to help improve public understanding of Iowa's culture and makeup.



A profile on Latinos in Iowa from the State Data Center.

ENHANCE PLOW PROGRAM

Iowa libraries rely on the Putting Libraries on the Web (PLOW) program to provide cost-effective access to technology infrastructure; including e-mail lists, website hosting, email service, and help desk support. These services and trainings are offered free through LSTA funds, which supported salaries, benefits, and travel for PLOW program staff.

EARLY LITERACY

Public libraries have a role to play in developing early literacy skills, and the State Library of Iowa provides training and tools to support libraries in building these skills and fostering a love of reading in their youngest patrons. LSTA funds provided staff salary, consultant fees, travel, database access, and support for the bi-annual KidsFirst Continuing Education Conference for youth librarians.



Participants in the Summer Reading Program Workshop study the manuals provided by the State Library.

SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

Summer Reading Programs are critical in helping children retain reading skills, encouraging reading for pleasure, and providing constructive activities during the summer. The State Library used LSTA funds for the Youth Services Consultant's salary and provided a training workshop and materials to Iowa libraries on how to plan and implement a summer reading program.

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

A 4 percent administrative fee goes to the Iowa Department of Education to cover business office support for the State Library.

CONSULTING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

State Library staff provided consulting services to Iowa libraries via email, chat, phone, online, and onsite visits to Iowa libraries. Staff also developed and provided continuing education courses in a variety of formats to Iowa library staff to improve skills and strengthen the library workforce. LSTA funds provided salaries and benefits, travel needs, video conferencing equipment and software for these efforts.

LIBRARY DISCOUNTS AND CONSORTIA

The State Library is in a position to offer significant buying power and provide support for Iowa libraries to form consortia for savings on purchases. LSTA funding provided a staff salary, access to discounts for libraries to help purchase items, and support for a consortium of Iowa libraries to offer access to e-books and audiobooks to patrons.

E-RATE AND BROADBAND

Iowa libraries are able to apply to the federal E-Rate program for reimbursements on their telecommunications needs. A State Library staff person, whose salary was paid for with LSTA funds, helped libraries navigate the forms, process, and program requirements to qualify for reimbursement.

IOWA CENTER FOR THE BOOK

LSTA funds supported the Iowa Center for the Book coordinator's salary, the All Iowa Reads program, the Letters About Literature program, and the Traveling History of the Book exhibit. Continued interest in these programs from participants indicates the value that Iowa libraries and schools place on literature and building communities.



This reader was a finalist in the Letters About Literature program from the Iowa Center for the Book.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Funds provided State Library staff the opportunity to attend professional conferences, an all-staff workshop on change management, and other training and enrichment opportunities.



A State Library Consultant works with an Iowa public library director.

HELP LIBRARIANS MEET SPECIAL NEEDS

The State Library used LSTA funding to provide training to libraries on how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders; also a sub-grant to purchase materials for a special Large Print Collection.

ESSENTIAL ROLE OF LIBRARIES

LSTA funding provided in-person workshops to train Iowa libraries in messaging their important role in communities and space utilization grants to maximize libraries' configurations for improved access to services and collections.

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The State Library provided a \$6,000 grant to the Iowa Library Association to assist in holding a 3-day Leadership Institute to identify and develop leaders within the Iowa library community.



The 2014 Leadership Institute participants pose for a group photo.

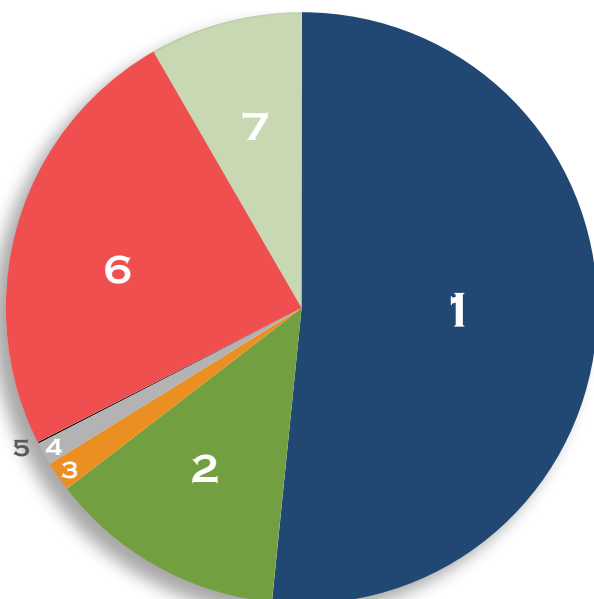
PROJECT EXPENSES

Databases, SILO, ILL Programming	\$637,669.75
Certification and Accreditation Programs	\$339,981.47
State Data Center	\$147,139.61
Enhance PLOW Program	\$129,337.22
Summer Reading Programs	\$81,480.79
Early Literacy	\$75,799.29
Administrative Costs	\$73,587.00
Consulting and Continuing Education	\$69,620.05
Library Discounts and Consortia	\$64,055.45
E-Rate and Broadband	\$62,389.67
Iowa Center for the Book	\$58,439.82
Staff Professional Development	\$38,967.02
Help Librarians Meet Special Needs	\$28,425.25
Essential Role of Libraries	\$26,783.61
Leadership Institute	\$6,000.00

TOTAL: \$1,839,676.00

CATEGORIES OF EXPENSES

The pie chart on the left shows the breakdown of expense categories spent for all projects. Categories are set by IMLS reporting requirements. Other Operational Expenses includes a 4 percent administrative fee to the Iowa Department of Education, software costs, registration, postage, sub-grants, memberships, rentals, and phone charges.



1	Salaries/Wages/Benefits	\$949,510.27	51.6%
2	Consultant Fees/Outside Contracts	\$238,076.73	12.9%
3	Travel	\$29,736.99	1.6%
4	Supplies/Materials	\$23,322.10	1.3%
5	Equipment	\$1,425.55	< 1%
6	Services/Database Subscriptions	\$444,001.51	24.1%
7	Other Operational Expenses	\$153,602.85	8.3%