

Now, more than ever, New Yorkers are using library services.

***LSTA funds help ensure that
New Yorkers have what it takes
to compete and succeed in
today's economy.***



What Does the LSTA Program Mean for New York?

The Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) program provides federal funds that help support local libraries throughout New York State. Through statewide services and grants from the New York State Library, the program encourages the blending of local, state, and federal resources to build and enhance library services for all New Yorkers.

Reauthorize and fund the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Program at \$186.6 Million.

Support increased funding for LSTA

- New Yorkers are benefitting from \$8 million in federal funding to libraries through the LSTA program in FY 2016.
- Employment information services, early literacy and adult literacy programs and access to high-quality electronic resources are among the vital library services these funds support.
- Although Federal funds represent less than one percent of library expenditures in New York State, their impact is great, as they leverage state and local funds and fuel innovation.



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The LSTA program helps provide these services to New York's library users in their communities:

- Job and consumer health information.
- Access to timely, accurate online information that is not available free on the Internet.
- Access from home, school, or office to full-text electronic information updated and maintained by librarians.
- Training in new computer technology.
- Literacy programs for adults and families.
- Marketing, demographic, and other information crucial to small businesses.



The New York State Library distributes LSTA funds through statewide services that support library programs at New York's 7,000 libraries, 73 library systems, and the New York State Library:

- Programs that enable libraries to provide high-quality computer and Internet services to their communities.
- Projects that provide equitable access to technology by supporting cooperative efforts among New York's 7,000 libraries, 73 library systems, and the New York State Library.
- Projects that provide special services that contribute to better access to information for all community residents, such as adult and family literacy programs.



LSTA funds help New Yorkers in densely populated urban centers, sparsely populated rural regions, and ethnically and economically diverse communities through these services:

- Counseling and job information for returning veterans and others.
- Programs to help at-risk preschoolers develop literacy skills.
- Promotion of literacy in family environments.
- Training for entrepreneurs in the skills needed to research and develop their plans for small businesses.



The LSTA program supports *Summer Reading at New York Libraries*, which helps children develop a love for reading and maintain reading skills learned during the school year:

- Research shows that library summer reading programs impact student achievement and test scores and help prevent learning losses over the summer.
- More than any other public institution, including schools, public libraries contribute to the intellectual growth of children from diverse backgrounds.
- More than 1.99 million children and teens from throughout New York State participated in the 2015 *Summer Reading at New York Libraries* program.



NOVELNY, New York's Statewide Internet Library, supports New York's continued leadership in the information economy:

- Statewide access for all New Yorkers to online information: major collections of commercial databases such as Gale's OneFile, Business Insights: Essentials, InfoTrac Newsstand (including New York State newspapers such as *The New York Times*), ProQuest's Gannett Newstand Complete, Health Reference Center Academic, as well as age-appropriate electronic resources for K-12 students, including the Scholastic GO! encyclopedias in English/Spanish and Opposing Viewpoints in Context.
- \$35 in resources for every \$1 of LSTA funding through statewide purchase of electronic information, now freely available through more than 5,900 libraries.

For more information on LSTA funding and New York State, visit these websites:

New York State Library at <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/>

LSTA funding at <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/lsta/>

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LSTA Funds at Work in New York

In addition to funding statewide initiatives such as **NOVELNY** and *Summer Reading at New York Libraries*, LSTA funds are also used to support these statewide initiatives and programs, among others:

Advancing Library Technology Services: The New York State Library partnered with the New York State Broadband Program Office, the Universal Service Administrative Company, the 23 public library systems and the New York Library Association in improving technology services in libraries to ensure that all NY libraries are given the opportunity to increase their broadband connections and take advantage of E-Rate discounts. With ongoing assistance, 325 libraries in 29 library systems received \$9.9 million in E-Rate discounts in 2015. State Library staff continue to provide technical assistance regarding library technology issues with the result that recently collected data indicates the percentage of 1074 public library buildings with connection speeds less than 1.5Mbps dropped from 4.67% in 2013 to 3% while library buildings with speeds greater than 10Mbps increased from 43.14% to 50%, with 3% having a fiber connection of 100Mbps or greater.

Advancing Early Literacy Skills: *Ready to Read at New York Libraries* is a statewide early literacy program created to provide New York's public libraries with the resources and expertise to raise the level of early literacy for young children, families and caregivers. In addition to a statewide training program, the New York State Library has also developed two websites: *Ready to Read at New York Libraries* to make early literacy information and resources available to all New Yorkers; and *DayByDayNY*, which includes songs, e-books, and early learning resources that are both enjoyable and educational. See <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/earlylit/index.html> and <http://daybydayny.org>

Advancing Digitization and Preservation Services: The New York State Library serves as a central repository for New York State publications and distributes public documents through the *New York State Document Distribution Program*. Publications are received from the legislative, executive and judicial branches, commissions, public authorities and other state agencies. The State Library digitizes these documents and other historical materials making them available to the public via the Internet. The State Library, as part of its partnership with the Empire State Digital Network, has added the State Library's metadata for part of its digital collections to the **Digital Public Library of America**.

Advancing the Accessibility of New York History Materials: The New York State Library continues to expand and strengthen access to New York State historical documents and genealogical materials to New Yorkers statewide and beyond. Throughout the year, State Library staff catalog collections, create finding aids and conduct workshops on the use of manuscript materials. State Library staff also create exhibits both in the State Library and in the State Capitol that highlight lesser-known items in the State Library's collection as well as widely known items such as those connected to the Emancipation Proclamation and the Kennedy assassination. State Library staff, in partnership with various community groups, also hold a series of public programs throughout the year regarding historical events that happened in New York State.