



# Federal funds bring library services to Arkansas

Arkansas State Library receives funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act Grants to States. IMLS funds are used for salaries, materials, supplies, travel, services, and equipment. Fifteen full time and five part time positions are federally funded. The following is a list of projects with the FY2015 (FY ending 9/30/2016) funding amounts. The total Grants to States award for FY2015 was **\$1,778,761**. If IMLS is eliminated, these projects would be severely curtailed or completely eliminated. To receive these funds, the State Library must provide matching funds and meet the requirements of Maintenance of Effort. The required Match for FY2015 was \$916,331. The Maintenance of Effort is stated as such – current state funding must be equal to or greater than the average of the previous 3 years state funding.

**Administration** provides leadership and guidance to all LSTA project directors to ensure that federal and state guidelines are followed in planning and fulfilling projects. 4% of the total LSTA award is allowed for administration purposes. **\$20,066.98**

**Traveler Statewide Database Project** provides 81 research databases to all types of libraries and to all Arkansas citizens through remote access. The cost for an individual library to duplicate this subscription would be over \$100,000. **\$758,242.41**

**Library for the Blind** provides non-print public library service directly to Arkansans who are unable to use standard print material due to a visual, physical, or reading disability. Positions within this project are funded through IMLS and circulate items provided by the Library of Congress National Library Service. These staff members mail over 16,000 items per month to Arkansas citizens. **\$127,461.33**

**Information Services** provides reference and interlibrary loan services to government agencies, businesses, libraries, and citizens. IMLS funding helps support the only U.S. Patent and Trademark Resource Center in Arkansas. **\$94,862.04**

**Library Consulting** provides consulting services to all Arkansas public library staff and members of their boards of trustees. Consultants work one-on-one with library directors as well as provide in-service training for library employees on a variety of topics. **\$67,330.81**

**Continuing Education** meets the needs for professional development at all levels of experience and education in all types of libraries. State library staff members provide training, as well as bringing in nationally known library professionals. **\$37,760.59**

**Technology & E-Rate Support** - Technology Support offers advice and assistance in technology matters for public libraries, especially small, rural libraries that do not have a dedicated IT staff position. E-Rate Support encourages participation, provides training and guidance, and assists public libraries in the Universal Services Schools and Libraries Program, commonly known as "E-Rate". **\$71,862.64**

**Summer Reading Program** provides the materials for public libraries to use in their programs. This includes all the reading logs, bookmarks, posters, and other materials public libraries need for a successful summer reading program. **\$92,079.63**

**Children's Services Workshop** offers access to a full day of training that provides specialized information and resources for libraries working with children and teens. A nominal fee is charged for food. **\$4,235.01**

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**Arkansas Center for the Book** encourages reading, writing, and literacy to all ages of Arkansas Citizens through programs, such as the Book Club Project, Letters About Literature, and If All Arkansas Read the Same Book. The Book Club Project offers 250 titles with 12 copies of each title to 60 adult and teen library book clubs throughout the state. **\$28,024.04**

**Digital Services** provides permanent, free public access of Arkansas state and federal documents to the public, state government, and libraries across the state. Arkansas State Library is the Regional Federal Depository Library for the state of Arkansas. **\$123,388.90**

**Collection Management** acquires, processes, catalogs, and delivers resources for the State Library. Collections maintained by the project include general non-fiction, reference, and library science. Additional collections include the legislatively-mandated Arkansas Collection and the tangible and electronic resources the library receives while serving as a United States Patent & Trademark Resource Center. The project also supports cataloging services for libraries across the state. **\$152,657.67**

**IT Support and Management** provides the information technology infrastructure and services which are critical in delivery of our services and information to Arkansas State Library patrons. This project underpins each and every LSTA funded project that is housed at the Arkansas State Library. **\$200,788.95**

