

Where the Money Goes

LSTA Funding



What is LSTA

The Library Services and Technology Act 'Grants to States Program' is the largest source of federal funding support for library services in the U.S. **Wisconsin received \$3.23 Million in 2024**, which equals \$.55 spent annually per resident!

LSTA Funding Supports Resources for:

- Workforce development
- All-age literacy
- Summer reading programs
- Civic engagement
- Tribal history preservation



Wisconsin Public Libraries

- 467 Public Libraries
- 15 Public Library Systems
- 2.2 Million Wisconsin Library Card Holders
- 46.6 Million Books, Videos, Electronic Materials Used
- 106,000 Child, Teen, Adult Library Programs
- 15.7 Million Wi-Fi Sessions

Direct Benefits of LSTA

- 15 million library materials loaned between libraries through Wisconsin's **Interlibrary Loan Program**. Allows for broadening collections, especially in our rural libraries.
- \$50,000 developed **Cooperative Cataloging** to make finding titles of materials easier.
- \$66,884 created Wisconsin's **Internet Discount Finder**, which helps people find discounted and more affordable residential internet service.
- Piloted new programs which have become self-sustaining like the shared **Wisconsin Public Library Consortium Digital Library**, which sees 9 million eBooks and eAudio materials checked out each year.

