

**Illinois State Library
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Federal Fiscal Year 2012 (FFY12) - IMLS Award: LS-00-12-0014-12

LSTA Funds are provided by the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) (IMLS) through the [Grants to State Library Administrative Agencies](#).

The LSTA requires an annual 34% match in state, local and/or private funds. In FFY12, Illinois' match was \$3,120,263 or 55%. In addition, the Secretary of State/Illinois State Library financially supports the LSTA priorities through a required maintenance of effort (MOE). The FFY12 MOE includes over \$40 million in state funds expended by the Secretary of State and Illinois State Library to meet the purposes of LSTA. MOE and the match demonstrate an ongoing commitment to invest state, local and private dollars in library services and activities to support the *Grants to State Library Administrative Agencies* program priorities. All projects follow the [FY2013 – FY2017 Long Range Plan for the Use of Library Services and Technology Act Funds in Illinois](#).

The federal fiscal year overlaps two State of Illinois fiscal years; therefore, in some instances, the amounts listed for continuing projects reflect two contracts. A total of \$5,658,121 or 99% of the \$5,664,245 FFY12 LSTA allotment supported the following twenty projects and activities.

\$1,981,197

Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS)

Support Services for Northern and Western Illinois Libraries – Delivery

[RAILS](#) provides ongoing support services for more than 1,300 public, school, university and private library agencies in a 27,000 square mile area in northern and western Illinois. Grant funds supported the RAILS regional delivery service which is critical to Illinois' vast interlibrary loan program. Nearly 10 million items were transferred among RAILS member libraries to enable resource sharing of materials on behalf of patrons of all ages and abilities. Support for the Illinois Library Systems is provided by the Secretary of State's office through a statutory formula using state funds appropriated by the Illinois General Assembly in addition to FFY12 LSTA funds. [75 ILCS 10/8 \(c\)](#).

\$1,360,179

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[FirstSearch](#) is an online service that provides electronic access to a rich collection of reference databases with more than 10 million full-text and full-image articles including WorldCat. Through WorldCat, users found relevant records plus the location to request the resources they needed. In support of access to information, the Illinois State Library subscribed to the basic FirstSearch package making 13 databases available to all ILLINET libraries statewide. This statewide activity provided access to resources that meet the unique information needs of knowledge seekers, meeting LSTA Goal 1.

\$709,233

Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS)

Support Services for Central and Southern Illinois Libraries

[IHLS](#) provides ongoing support services for nearly 550 public, school, university and private library agencies in central and southern Illinois. IHLS monitored and coordinated resource sharing activities encouraging member libraries to be active in a shared online catalog, participate in interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing and provide access for non-residents. Regional activities supported the infrastructure for statewide library services on behalf of patrons of all ages and abilities. Support for the Illinois Library Systems is provided by the Secretary of State's office through a statutory formula using state funds appropriated by the Illinois General Assembly in addition to FFY12 LSTA funds. [75 ILCS 10/8 \(c\)](#).

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\$618,660

Back to Books Competitive Grant Opportunity

142 libraries received FFY12 LSTA funds to acquire fiction and/or non-fiction books, educational CDs and DVDs and other materials in support of formal and/or independent learning. An additional 88 libraries received Back to Books grants awarded with state technology funds for a total of over \$1 million supporting [230 projects](#). Individual awards ranged from \$2,500 - \$5,000. These projects provided access to quality content and information, meeting LSTA Goal 1.

\$192,037

Illinois Heartland Library System

Talking Book Center - Illinois Machine Sublending Agency (IMSA)

[IMSA](#) is one of four library customer service sites forming the Illinois Network of Libraries Serving the Blind and Physically Handicapped. This center provided talking book playback machines statewide to Illinois patrons of the Talking Book and Braille Service as a means to listen to books, magazines, musical scores, and foreign language materials. Illinois residents with print impairments such as blindness, visual impairments, physical disabilities, and/or learning disabilities qualify for this tax supported program. IMSA also provided administration and support of the Braille Audio and Reading Download (BARD) website where patrons can access braille and audio books, magazines, music scores, and foreign language materials. [23 Ill. Adm. Code 3035. Subpart F](#).

\$115,718

Reaching Across Illinois Library System

Talking Book Centers – Illinois Talking Book Outreach Center

The [Illinois Talking Book Outreach Center](#) is one of four library customer service sites forming the Illinois Network of Libraries Serving the Blind and Physically Handicapped. This center provided readers advisory services for people in Illinois who are unable to read print due to a physical or visual limitation. Utilizing telephones, email and the postal service, reader advisors ordered books and equipment, explained services, and answered questions to connect patrons to the services they need. The Illinois Talking Book Outreach Center enriched the quality of life for the people of Illinois who cannot read print due to a physical or visual limitation by providing a personal connection to books and reading resources. [23 Ill. Adm. Code 3035. Subpart F](#)

\$90,471

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WT Cox

The Illinois State Library purchased serials in print and electronic formats to meet the information needs of state government including government-related business reference and educational topics plus titles covering transportation, agriculture and human services. This activity provided access to quality content and information, meeting LSTA Goal 1.

\$84,696

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Interim Data Management Evaluation

The Illinois State Library contracted for services to evaluate, analyze and redesign the process and data content of grant offerings. The result is improved accountability for LSTA funds including certification of a library agency's eligibility for grant funds, meeting LSTA Goal 1.

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\$82,000

University of Illinois Springfield

Serving Your Public: The 2013 Small Public Library Management Institute (SPLMI)

The University of Illinois Springfield hosted this annual, six-day educational institute for public library directors. The SPLMI curriculum focused on public library management, developing quality library programs, delivering library services and recognizing the local needs of the people in communities across Illinois. SPLMI supported lifelong learning and information fluency to enhance the skills of the current library workforce and leadership, meeting LSTA Goal 2.

\$76,202

University of Illinois Springfield

On the Front Lines: Statewide Library Practitioners Conference

The University of Illinois Springfield hosted a three-day conference for library staff that featured training on web based technology tools and strategies to improve customer service and resources. Participants learned new strategies, new ideas, and new activities to implement in their libraries. On the Front Lines supported lifelong learning and information fluency to enhance the skills of the current library workforce and leadership, meeting LSTA Goal 2.

\$62,000

Waukegan Public Library

Adult Volunteer Literacy Tutoring Program

The Waukegan Public Library supported volunteer literacy tutors to deliver needs-and-goals-based instruction to adult learners ages 17 and up in diverse learning situations throughout Lake County in northeast Illinois. Tutors provided instruction to help adults who read below the ninth grade level or speak English at a beginning level to improve their basic reading, writing, math, or English language proficiency. [23 Ill. Adm. Code 3035. Subpart B.](#)

\$59,894

Illinois State Library

Counting Opinions

Counting Opinions collected, compared, and analyzed data about Illinois Libraries. Through their evaluative products, the Illinois State Library facilitated a statewide library performance assessment that enabled libraries and library systems to collect, review, approve and report on the quantitative aspects (performance metrics) of library performance. This activity supported research and discovery to identify trends, meeting LSTA Goal 4.

\$48,583

School District Library Grants

215 school districts received funding in support of school library resources and programs. The primary use of grant funds was to purchase print and non-print library materials to support the curriculum for kindergarten through high school students learning. These projects provided access to quality content and information, meeting LSTA Goal 1.

\$33,600

Robinson Public Library

Crawford Adult Learning Partners

Adult Volunteer Tutors, age 18 and older, were trained, matched and recruited at the community level and at the Robinson Correctional Center to provide adult learners, age 17 and older, with opportunities to increase their math, reading, writing, spelling, vocabulary skills, computer literacy or learn English as a Second Language. [23 Ill. Adm. Code 3035. Subpart B.](#)

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\$31,750

Waukegan Public Library

English as a Second Language Families Learning Together

This project addressed the literacy needs of non-native English speakers learning English (with children ages 0 - 6). Goals included assisting parents to speak and read in English, increasing knowledge/use of the library and community resources; developing parenting skills, positive parent-child relationships and preparing children for preschool/kindergarten. [23 Ill. Adm. Code 3035. Subpart B.](#)

\$30,750

Aurora Public Library

Welcome to America

The Welcome to America program served families with children ages 2 through 6. Families were recruited from students enrolled in the World Relief adult English as a Second Language classes. English language instruction was provided to adults enabling them to fully engage in family, work and community roles while the library's role was to introduce families to library services. [23 Ill. Adm. Code 3035. Subpart B.](#)

\$30,750

Waukegan Public Library

WPL Families Learning Together – Adult Basic Education

This project addressed the literacy needs of adults reading below the ninth grade level (with children age 0 - 6). Goals included assisting parents to speak and read in English, increasing knowledge/use of the library and community resources; developing parenting skills, positive parent-child relationships and preparing children for preschool/kindergarten. [23 Ill. Adm. Code 3035. Subpart B.](#)

\$29,750

Harrisburg Public Library

READ: Reading Enhances Achieving Dreams

Parents involved in the family literacy program were concerned about their children's welfare and futures. However, the parents had little experience with education themselves. Literacy staff worked hard with the parents to instill an understanding of the benefits of education for themselves and their children. [23 Ill. Adm. Code 3035. Subpart B.](#)

\$12,500

Beardstown Public Library

Project Next Generation

Project Next Generation (PNG), an educational technology initiative of Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian, Jesse White, educated at-risk students. The library offered technology based experiences for participating students who might not otherwise have access as mentors guided the students through hand-on projects and helped them develop self-confidence and pride in newly acquired skills. This PNG project supported lifelong learning and information fluency, meeting LSTA Goal 2.

\$8,151

Broadview Public Library

Public Library Grant

The Broadview Public Library improved and increased library services in the Broadview community. The amount of funding was based on the certified population of the library's service area. This project provided access to quality content and information, meeting LSTA Goal 1.

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