Using the federal fiscal year (FFY) 2017 LSTA allotment provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Secretary of State/Illinois State Library funded activities and projects from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. Through statewide, regional and local projects, Illinois libraries, regional library systems and statewide library organizations provided increased access to information, educational programs and activities to encourage reading for Illinois citizens of all ages and abilities.

Goal 1: Position the Illinois library community to extend library services for all Illinois residents by providing access to information and ideas.
- Projects promoted resource sharing, including support for the delivery system to transport interlibrary loaned resources between libraries to fulfill patrons’ requests. ($2,103,154)
- First Search access was offered to all Illinois libraries to provide online content and resources for information seekers. ($1,534,104)
- Data collection and statistical services supported informed decision making. ($54,200)

Goal 2: Position the Illinois library community as an educational anchor by providing opportunities to support education, information fluency and lifelong learning.
- Projects supported educational experiences for the library workforce and leadership to gain knowledge and enhance skills. ($22,239)
- Project Next Generation provided educational programming for middle and high school students to gain confidence and to improve their knowledge and skills. ($344,341)

Goal 3: Position the Illinois library community to further a literate Illinois by creating a culture that encourages reading.
- The reading and library needs of print challenged Illinois residents were supported through talking book and braille services. ($58,353)
- Public and school libraries encouraged people of all ages to read through Back to Books grant projects. ($1,286,839)

Activities and projects were supported with a total of $5,403,230.73 in federal LSTA funds.

The goals for use of LSTA are described in Illinois’ Long Range Plan for the Use of Library Services and Technology Act Funds 2018 – 2022.

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