



LSTA State Program Report - Summary

FFY18

Arkansas State Library

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Grants Office



LSTA FFY18 Expenditures

The following report shows the federal LSTA Grants to States expenditures by the Arkansas State Library.

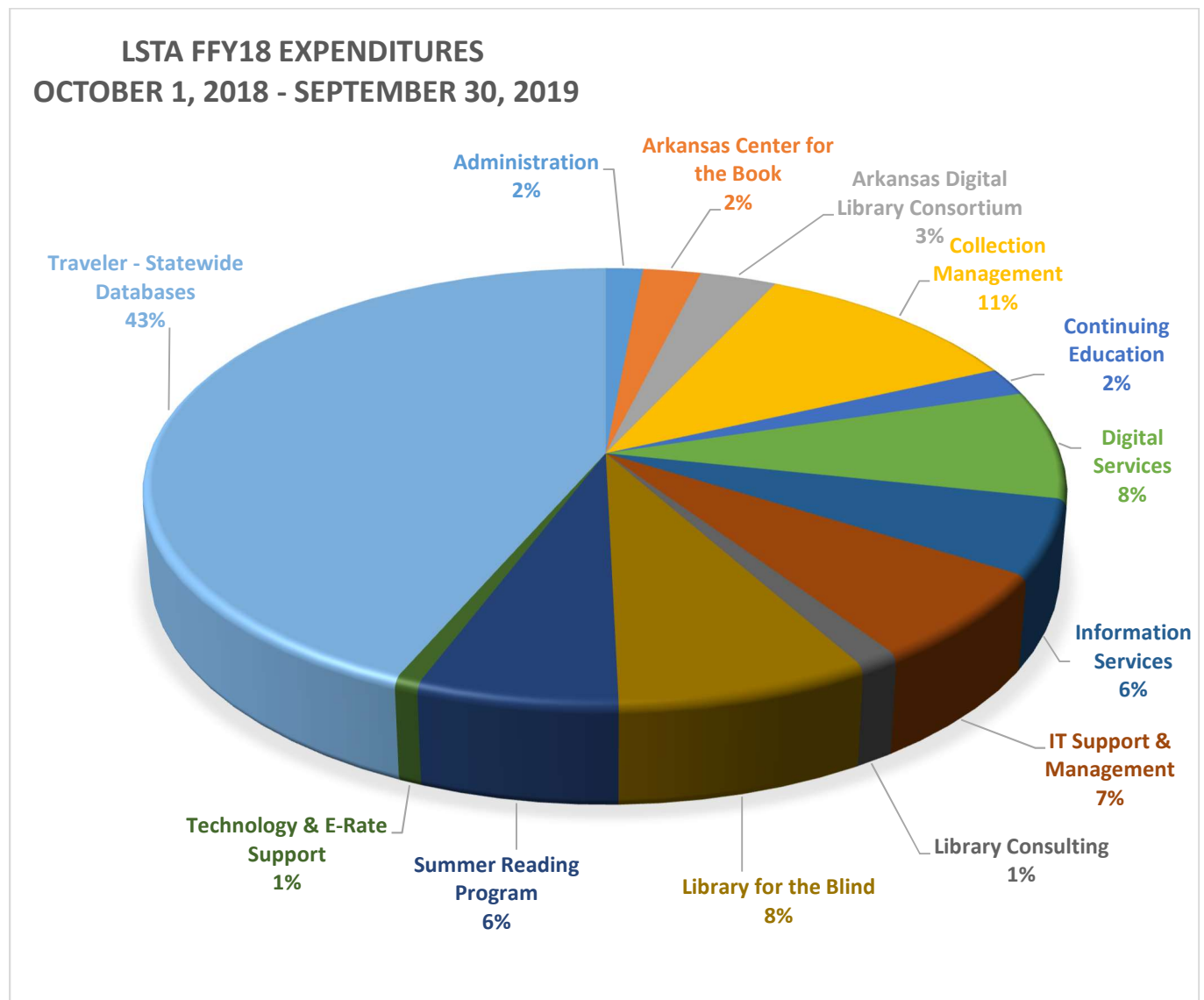
The pie chart indicates the percentages by project. The abstract of each federally funded project lists the amount spent as well as a state match or other match.

This information is taken from the annual State Program Report submitted to IMLS.

LSTA – Library Services and Technology Act

IMLS – Institute of Museum and Library Services

FFY – Federal Fiscal Year



The following information includes the abstract, LSTA funds expended, state match expended, and other match funds, if appropriate, of each federally funded project reported on the State Program Report (SPR) as submitted to IMLS in December 2019. Not all programs have state funds. The required match is a total number and a project does not need a match. Arkansas State Library reports all state funds as match so it always exceeds the 34% required match.

LSTA FFY18 Grant Award: \$1,820,298

Required State Match: \$937,729.27

Projects

ADMINISTRATION

The LSTA Program Administration Project provides leadership and guidance to all LSTA project directors to ensure that federal and state guidelines are followed in planning and fulfilling projects. State and federal funds are managed through this project ensuring that Match and MOE are reported correctly to IMLS. This project oversees personnel services, including those positions that are federally funded. LSTA project proposals including narratives and budgets are reviewed and reported to the Arkansas State Library Executive Committee for funding recommendations. LSTA projects are monitored with required reports generated and submitted to IMLS.

LSTA: \$27,394

State Match: \$968,438

ARKANSAS CENTER FOR THE BOOK

By preserving and promoting literature through a variety of activities and programming, this project encourages reading, writing, and literacy to Arkansas residents of all ages, stimulates public interest in books and literary culture, and protects the rich literary heritage of Arkansas. Some activities center upon certain age groups, as in Letters about Literature, an annual reading and writing contest limited to junior and senior high school students. Other activities serve residents of all ages. For example, the Book Club Service offers multiple copies of book titles to be read and discussed by both adult and student book clubs established in public libraries and schools across the state. Cultural and literary heritage activities are developed to speak to all ages in the hope of perpetuating the value of the written word and its impact upon all generations.

LSTA: \$42,899

State Match: \$96,432

ARKANSAS DIGITAL LIBRARY CONSORTIUM

The Arkansas Digital Library Consortium (ADLC) is an open consortium formed to facilitate the acquisition and use of digital content by pooling the buying power of Arkansas public libraries. The consortium is open to all public libraries in Arkansas. ADLC currently has 30 members with 94 individual library branches. Membership in the eBook consortium requires committing to a multi-year contract with the content vendor OverDrive. Minimum content fees are pooled and a Selection Committee purchases materials for the group. Additional funds spent by member libraries are also shared with other libraries, but ownership is retained by that library.

The Arkansas State Library administers the program but is not a participatory member. ASL staff help onboard new members, provide training and consultation, assist with troubleshooting, chair the Selection Committee, purchase materials, and facilitate communication between OverDrive and member libraries.

One of the goals of the consortium has been to focus on purchasing best-selling titles that are often expensive for libraries to keep up with demand. Sharing these titles across library systems allows the shared funds to address the most in-demand titles and the libraries to focus on titles for their unique communities.

LSTA: \$56,644 State Match: \$0 Other Match: \$381,788 (public libraries)

COLLECTION MANAGEMENT

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 depository collections include the legislatively-mandated Arkansas Collection and the tangible and electronic resources the library receives while serving as an United States Patent & Trademark Resource Center.

Bibliographic visibility of the materials is provided through the library's online catalog and OCLC WorldCat. Remote access for eligible users to online subscription databases, periodicals, and similar digital resources is provided via the library's website.

Library services such as Reference and Interlibrary Loan are dependent upon the availability of these resources. Their existence allows and their use encourages statewide multi-library resource sharing among Arkansas libraries and state government.

Through administering the OCLC FirstSearch consortium for Arkansas libraries, the project also supports resource discovery for libraries across the state.

LSTA: \$204,005 State Match: \$247,992

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Continuing Education Project aids library staff, administrators, and trustees in obtaining the awareness and knowledge necessary to effectively serve the public both inside and outside of their local library building. To that end, ASL staff present myriad trainings and opportunities to support knowledge sharing. Topics covered include, but are not limited to: customer service; the building and renovation of library facilities; trauma-informed library service; leadership skills development; disaster preparedness; long-range planning; financial management; and service design for specific populations like children, young adults, adults, the elderly, ethnic and cultural minorities, the economically disadvantaged, those caught in the technology gap, and those with disabilities.

LSTA: \$37,757 State Match: \$179,267

DIGITAL SERVICES

The Arkansas State Library is legislatively mandated to serve as the official State Documents Depository, the State and Local Government Publications Clearinghouse, and as the Regional Federal Depository Library for the state of Arkansas. This provides sustained, free public access to both Arkansas state government and United States federal government documents to citizens, libraries and government entities.

The State Documents Depository program collects materials from over 200 Arkansas state entities. Tangible materials are permanently housed onsite, and digital documents are accessible from the Arkansas Documents Digital Collection online repository. Access is further enhanced via the State and Local Government Publications Clearinghouse, whereby documents are distributed throughout a network of 15 state depository libraries.

As the regional federal depository, the Arkansas State Library receives a copy of every tangible document distributed by the Government Publishing Office to maintain for perpetuity. The regional Coordinator provides consultation to Arkansas' 13 selective federal depositories and directs statewide collection development activities related to federal documents.

LSTA: \$147,089 State Match: \$0

INFORMATION SERVICES

This project provides information services to federal, state, and local government agencies, businesses, citizens, and libraries. Reference and Inter-library Loan services via telephone, fax, ASL web page, and on-site request. As the only U.S. Patent and Trademark Resource Center in Arkansas, patent and trademark assistance is routinely given to inventors and potential inventors within the state. The reference staff frequently provide information services to Arkansas citizens who are unemployed or under-employed, persons needing Arkansas legal forms and/or state and federal government information; along with answering a variety of questions from the general public. Inter-library loan service is provided to state employees for work-related requests, OCLC requests, and to small, rural libraries in Arkansas that do not have OCLC access.

LSTA: \$101,309 State Match: \$238,566

IT SUPPORT AND MANAGEMENT

The Information Technology Support and Management project provides information technology infrastructure and services which are critical in delivery of our services and information to Arkansas State Library patrons, Arkansas State Library staff, state employees, public libraries, and citizens who use Arkansas State Library resources provided by LSTA. This project underpins each and every LSTA funded project that is housed at the Arkansas State Library. Without information technology support and management, other projects would not have the resources or methods to reach the citizens in an effective way. This project is the vehicle that will keep the Arkansas State Library resources viable as we navigate through the ever-changing world of information delivery in our electronic age.

LSTA: \$121,533

State Match: \$164,151

LIBRARY CONSULTING

Through the Library Consulting project, the Arkansas State Library provides guidance and support for the development of local public libraries and library services throughout the state of Arkansas. Consulting services benefit the Arkansas public library community by increasing knowledge, confidence, and expertise in the areas of policy development and library management. Additionally, consulting services assist library staff in increasing professional competency in both traditional library services and in new and emerging library services. Consulting services are designed to foster best practices in the library community and to develop community focused library services.

LSTA: \$22,975

State Match: \$99,177

LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED

This project 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. It provides daily circulation of books and magazines in audio and Braille formats along with free access to downloadable books in audio and Braille formats through the National Library Service for the Blind (NLS) Braille and Audio Book Reading Download (BARD) program. The library provides all of its direct circulation of books by duplication on demand, a mode of operation in which copies of requested books are created as required and the media (USB flash memory cartridges) are re-used when the circulation completes. This allows all patrons to have direct and fairly immediate access to all of the 100,000+ audio titles in the National Library Service for the Blind collection with no waiting list for even the newest or most popular titles. All books and equipment are provided on free loan as part of the service, and are delivered to patrons free of charge through the mail. Reader's Advisory and reference/referral services are provided to patrons, family members, teachers, public libraries, and other interested parties. Services to patrons include the support of recreational reading, school book-list titles, Accelerated Reading lists, book clubs, and basic reference. The project also provides information and referral services on disabilities to libraries, state agencies, volunteer organizations, and interested citizens.

LSTA: \$141,527

State Match: \$291,581

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Arkansas State Library provides a statewide summer reading program through its membership in the Collaborative Summer Library Program. This organization is a consortium of public libraries that creates quality summer library programs for children, teens and adults. Member libraries share the resources and cost savings realized through these collaborative efforts. The State Library purchases the full color print materials for the public libraries for use in their programs.

In 2019, Arkansas' public libraries reported that more than 22,000 people registered to participate in their summer reading programs. Over 124,000 people attended 3400+ programming events throughout the state during the summer. In addition to the materials provided by LSTA funds, the public libraries spent more than \$237,000 of local monies to provide their programs. This is a marked decrease from the numbers reported last year and that is due to the decreased rate of evaluation returns this fall. A change in the format of the evaluation form may have resulted in fewer returns or it may have been internal library communication within systems as only a few headquarters reported for their full system and branches may not have realized they were responsible for their own number. Of 240 library buildings, we have reported stats for less than 100 at this time. The returned evaluations did however reflect that the participating public libraries "Strongly Agree" that the materials provided with IMLS funds improve their Summer Reading programs each year.

LSTA: \$112,424 State Match: \$0

TECHNOLOGY & E-RATE SUPPORT

The purpose of this project is to assist Arkansas public libraries with the acquisition of robust broadband internet access to support patron and staff technology use. The position of Manager of E-Rate Services works to encourage participation, provide training and guidance, and assist libraries in the Universal Service Program for Schools and Libraries, commonly known as "E-Rate." By encouraging libraries to apply for discounts on telecommunications services, internet access, and internal connections, libraries are able to use their resources to keep pace with current and emerging technologies. This project also encourages libraries to stay abreast of new technology trends by providing information and training on emerging technologies.

LSTA: \$13,666 State Match: \$149,415

TRAVELER STATEWIDE DATABASES

The Traveler project provides statewide access to a collection of subscription digital resources. Arkansas residents have free, remote access to all Traveler resources. Remote authentication for individual users is accomplished through geolocation; no registration process is required. All Traveler digital resources are accessible from the Arkansas State Library's website.

All public, school and academic libraries in the state may register their IP addresses with the Arkansas State Library to enable institutional access, which allows individual libraries the ability to seamlessly integrate Traveler's exceptional information resources with their own digital collections.

The Arkansas State Library provides training, assistance, and supplemental resources for both technical and end users through webinars, workshops, and instructional materials.

LSTA: \$791,076 State Match: \$97,382