



The impact of LSTA funds in Iowa

The State Library of Iowa relies on Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to deliver statewide library development initiatives and services to Iowa libraries and citizens. This critical funding is tied to matching dollars from the Iowa Legislature.

Iowa received \$2,030,383 for Federal Fiscal Year 2022, which was spent over a grant period from Oct. 1, 2022 to Sept. 30, 2024.

Flip this page over to find out more about State Library programs and resources supported by LSTA funding.

IOWANS VALUE LIBRARIES

Each day, library doors across Iowa open, welcoming all kinds of people in to borrow a book, use the free Wi-Fi, or attend a program. Even at home, the library is there, offering ebooks and audiobooks for checkout, and online resources to support jobseekers, veterans, students, and more.

Iowa public libraries continue to be an asset to the communities they serve. Take a look at some data sourced from the FY23 Iowa Public Library Statistics:

- Library visits: 11,943,570
- Registered library users: 1,821,707
- Physical items circulated: 16,387,365
- Digital items circulated: 4,178,449
- Programs offered: 107,048
- Program attendees: 1,999,999
- Wi-Fi sessions: 3,063,924

NUMBER OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN IOWA:



AS OF FY23, PUBLIC LIBRARIES SERVE **99%** OF IOWANS

407 PUBLIC LIBRARIES (75%) ARE IN COMMUNITIES OF **2,499 OR LESS**

422 PUBLIC LIBRARIES ARE ACCREDITED AS OF FY24

In Iowa, LSTA supported programs:

- **Facilitate the sharing of materials** via the statewide delivery service for public libraries *IA Shares* and interlibrary loan system known as *SILO*.
- **Help Iowans understand topics on Iowa's laws** with a plain language legal resource website called the *People's Law Library of Iowa*.
- **Support literacy and promote STEM concepts in libraries** with the statewide *Summer Library Program*, the *All Iowa Reads* program, and *STEM To Go & Storytime Kits* available for checkout to libraries.
- **Train and support skilled public librarians and effective library boards** by offering ongoing *Continuing Education* opportunities and the *State Library Endorsement* program for library directors, staff, and youth services librarians.
- **Provide online resources and tools for library management, digital lending, and more**, including *WhoFi*, a suite of tools to assist library operations with program scheduling and registration, statistics tracking, and a WiFi usage counter. In addition, LSTA funding covers the platform fee and magazine collection for the statewide digital library consortium *Bridges*, and the *Brainfuse HelpNow* resource for learners.
- **Allow libraries to reach the communities they serve** by providing no cost website hosting and support through the *PLOW* program.
- **Set minimum standards for public libraries and recognize high quality libraries** through the *Standards and Accreditation* program.
- **Collect and provide data on Iowa's population, demographics, libraries, and more** through the *State Data Center* and *Iowa Library Statistics* programs.



Giant Magna Tiles STEM Kit in use at the Hubbard Public Library.



IA Shares makes twice weekly deliveries to all Iowa public libraries and the State Library administrative offices.