

LSTA FUNDING IN VIRGINIA

Making our Libraries and our Citizens Stronger

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), through its administration of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), provides critically important federal funding in support of our nation's libraries through the Grants to States Program.

In 2019, Virginia received \$3,958,075 of this funding for statewide projects and programs that expand services for learning and development, equal access to accurate and reliable information resources, and the availability of technology so crucial to an educated, productive, and engaged public. Highlights of these programs include:



Summer Reading

Programming for 185,000 Virginians in 2018 alone, which has been shown to foster improved academic performance and higher test scores across all measures and grades.



Early Learning & Literacy

Preparing Virginia's children to enter school with pre-reading skills and providing libraries with the tools to support their youngest patrons and their families.



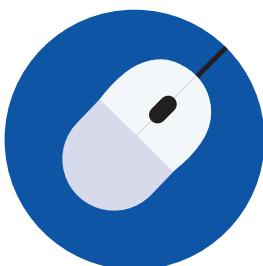
E-Rate Discounts

Bringing affordable Internet and telecommunications services to public libraries across the commonwealth, especially where it's most needed.



Find It Virginia

24/7 free access to reliable information in dozens of licensed databases to the public at home, work, school, and in local public libraries.



21st-Century Libraries & Librarians

Helping libraries and librarians stay current with technology and the skills essential to meeting the ever-evolving information needs of their communities.



Document Bank for Educators

Helping our schools develop critical thinkers through the analysis of original documents from Virginia's past.



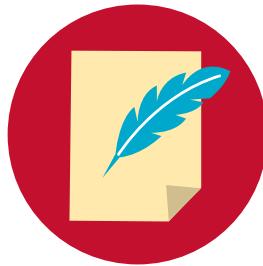
Empowering the Public with Access to Government Information

Taking on changes in technology and how government conducts its business to find new and better ways to keep Virginia's government transparent and accessible to its citizens.



Discovery Systems for Smaller Libraries

Making sure smaller, financially challenged libraries can offer their citizens the same access to information, collections, and resources as any of their bigger, better-funded counterparts across the state.



Sharing Virginia's History and Culture

Offering 12 million digital images covering 400 years of history accessed by 4.5 million users annually.