



Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)

Federal Funding for **Texas Libraries** from the **Institute of Museum and Library Services**

Return on Investment

- For every \$1 dollar spent, \$45.02 worth of e-content made available
- \$17 million worth of materials accessed by Talking Book patrons
- 4 million items added annually to the Texas Digital Archive
- Over 100,000,000 items circulated annually in Texas Public Libraries

\$12,500,000 to Texas

Texas received \$12.5 million in FFY 24 for library services. This funding is 33% of the total TSLAC budget.



Digital Literacy, Technology, Workforce Development, Education, Early Literacy

LSTA funds programs, technology, and resources that support community learning, workforce training, entrepreneurship, and digital literacy skills.



Interlibrary Loan, Strengthening Rural Communities

The entire Texas interlibrary loan network is paid with LSTA dollars. Over 500 libraries - most of them in rural communities - rely on this cost-saving and effective system to ensure all Texans have access to resources.



History and Digital Preservation

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission relies on LSTA funds to digitize the state's historical archival collections and to make them available for study. LSTA funds also support TSLAC's cataloging operations.



E-resources - Equal Access for All

The TexShare and TexQuest programs provide access to critical e-resources to public, school, and university libraries. LSTA funds ensure libraries across the state benefit from access to a core of robust learning tools.



Services for Texans with Visual or Reading Disabilities

The Talking Book Program supports the reading needs of seniors, students with dyslexia, veterans, and others. The program provides audiobooks, large print, and braille. LSTA funds staff who serve these readers.

Federal LSTA funding supports resources and programs that reach every county of the state, almost every community, and 1,500 educational institutions.

Texas Institutions and People Served

508 public libraries serving more than 27 million Texans

849 school districts serving almost 5 million students

164 colleges and universities serving 4 million students

27,839 Texans with visual and physical reading disabilities

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) provides funding to all states. The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) uses these federal funds (authorized through by the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)) to support libraries and educational institutions throughout Texas and make available state historical collections.

Texas State Library and Archives Commission

www.tsl.texas.gov



Statewide Programs and Initiatives: A Closer Look



LSTA provides the sole funding for the state's e-book program for small community libraries. The program is the only source of this digital content for many of the 200 libraries that are eligible for the service. The value of the materials provided in cost avoidance to those local communities was \$2,156,401 in FY24.



The state's interlibrary loan (ILL) program is entirely funded with LSTA dollars. In fiscal year 24, the program helped public libraries achieve a cost avoidance of \$6,658,622. Moreover, for many libraries, ILL is consistently ranked as the most vital statewide program, because it allows local patrons to access materials that are not available locally.



Federal funds help preserve and make history available. TSLAC's projects include a digitization program for the state's historical newspaper files. In partnership with the University of North Texas, TSLAC provides the public with online archival collections.



LSTA supports two signature programs that reach every corner of the state. TexShare (public and university libraries) and TexQuest (K-12) provide online research resources to support learning. Through these programs, institutions achieve an ROI of \$45 for every \$1 spent. Texas learners log more than 100 million e-resource searches and downloads each year across both programs.



LSTA funds TSLAC's competitive grant programs for libraries. Several of the awarded grants have supported local STEM and STEAM projects for school age children. For instance, the Hewitt Public Library partnered with the Midway ISD to develop training and provide technology and equipment to support learning for students and homeschool families.



TSLAC provides statewide training and programs with federal funds. Workforce development projects are an agency priority, and TSLAC recently partnered with SCALEUP at Texas State University to assist small businesses with resources and training.

TEXAS PUBLIC LIBRARIES BY THE NUMBERS*



13,996,795
Registered Library Users
made **43,205,906**
in person visits



1,846,665
Hours Open



865 Libraries, Branches,
and Bookmobiles



16,642 Public Internet Computers
used over **5 million** times



108,726,077
Items Circulated

49 million
Wi-Fi Sessions**



67 million
Website Sessions**



212,399
Public Programs Delivered
5,253,357
Program Attendees

*2023 - Latest available data

** Estimated based on percentage reporting