

# LSTA

LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT

## What happens

## When the money isn't there?

RI has less from LSTA because of level-funding and population decline

Diminution of State support for OLIS means more of the declining LSTA must be used to support fewer services

### In Rhode Island, the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds. . .

LSTA in Rhode Island means  
libraries working together through OLIS



RI Office of Library and  
Information Services

#### Want more information?

Visit the RI Office of Library and Information  
Services portal  
[www.olis.ri.gov/](http://www.olis.ri.gov/)

Read more about LSTA in RI at  
[www.olis.ri.gov/sbputus/5yplan](http://www.olis.ri.gov/sbputus/5yplan)

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A statewide **Summer Reading Program** that brings OLIS and public libraries together to promote reading during the summer school vacation. 13,744 Rhode Island children took part in this program last year, 17,027 children and adults attended 272 library programs in local libraries.

**Learner-centered literacy programming** for families facing social, economic, educational and linguistic barriers. Seven public libraries work together through the Providence Public Library as the RI Family Literacy Initiative. Library-based literacy programs at the Coventry Public Library and the Central Falls Public Library help adult learners develop and improve literacy skills.

A growing statewide catalog interconnects a consortium of (so far) 97 school library media centers. The **Rhode Island Library Information Network for Kids** empowers students, teachers and parents to borrow materials from other consortium members; requests are filled through the statewide delivery system.

OLIS' **statewide delivery system**, which makes whatever is available at one library in RI available at all libraries. In 2007, over two million items traveled among 97 school, 71 public, 14 hospital, 22 college and university, and 10 special libraries at user's request. The libraries share their collections and Rhode Islanders can pick up any library's materials at their local library.

The **Talking Books Plus library**, which provides talking books and informational services to over 2,900 blind and physically disabled individuals. The **TBPlus** program assists schools, nursing homes and libraries to serve disabled individuals in their communities and maintains a network with other disability service organizations.

An aggressive schedule of **continuing education for librarians and library staff**, keeping them up-to-date on developments in traditional as well as cutting edge library tools and techniques.

An **internet portal** delivering library information, resources, headlines and more for libraries, library staff and the public. Get connected to RI library information via the OLIS web site, blog and RSS feeds @ <http://www.olis.ri.gov>.



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