

# ALA American Library Association

## Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Rhode Island District 1

### Program Facts

- ✓ Improving Literacy Through School Libraries is authorized through the *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)*.
- ✓ The program is administrated by the US Department of Education and is the first program specifically aimed at upgrading school libraries.
- ✓ In 2005 the Department of Education evaluated the program and found it has been successful in improving libraries.
- ✓ A recent study, *Student Learning Through Ohio School Libraries*, reported that 100% of students surveyed stated that the school library helps them get better grades.
- ✓ This program is authorized to receive \$250 million; it has never reached this goal.
- ✓ When the program is funded under \$100 million in a fiscal year then the Secretary awards competitive grants, if it is funded at \$100 million or higher then the program will be distributed as formula grants to state departments of education.
- ✓ In fiscal year (FY) 2008 the program was funded at \$19,145,000. **Help us reach \$100 million!**

### District Facts

**5**

**Eligible school districts in RI-1 in FY-2007**

**4**

**Districts have ever received funding in RI-1**

**5**

**Eligible school districts in RI**

**36**

**Total school districts in RI**

**4**

**Districts have ever received funding in RI**

