

ALA American Library Association

Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Rhode Island District 2

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

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School district in your congressional district was eligible for awards in FY-2007 under current funding of program

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Eligible school districts in RI

36

Total school districts in RI

4

Districts have ever received funding

