

# ALA American Library Association

## Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Rhode Island

### 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!**

### State Facts

**36**

Total school districts

**5**

Eligible school districts in  
FY-2007

**4**

Districts have ever received funding

**13.89**

Percent of all school districts  
in RI were eligible for awards  
in 2007 under current  
funding of program

