

Did you know...

IMLS is the main funding source for more than 40 different library services and programs including:

Colorado Talking Book Library	Library Research	Literacy programs
Professional Development	Programs for School Library staff	Public Library Leadership
Institutional Libraries	Digital Collection & Technology Solutions	State Publications

See the [State Library's Annual Report](#) for additional details about many of these.

Colorado receives \$2.7 million from IMLS for LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act). This is roughly 2/3 of the State Library's operational total. State funds make up the other 1/3.

Besides funding these ongoing state-focused projects, LSTA has been used to support the creation of many familiar statewide projects such as [AspenCat](#), the [Marmot / Prospector catalog](#) link, CLEL's [StoryBlocks](#), the [FindIt Colorado](#) mobile app, plus numerous local projects to improve [literacy, learning, collections, adult and teen services](#), and more.

Losing IMLS eliminates or severely reduces these services for libraries and the public:

Literacy programs for libraries and the public

- Check Out Colorado State Parks program
- Early literacy research (SPELL grant from IMLS)
- Grants and professional development for library staff
- Maker materials and training
- One Book 4 Colorado: 75,000 books given to 4-year olds statewide to encourage reading
- StoryBlocks.org
- Summer reading programs: encourage children of all ages, teens, and adults to read and learn for fun and to prevent summer learning loss

Programs for School Libraries and library staff

- Career Online High School – helping 200+ adults in 17 libraries earn HS diploma and career experience
- Highly Effective School Library Program
- K-12 training and resources
- professional development, standards, consulting, research
- STEM support
- Workshops for library trustees, directors, staff, and assistance with legal issues

Public Library Leadership and Professional Development

- Consulting and professional development for public library boards, directors, middle managers
- Creation and Learning website,
- CSL in Session web-based learning programs
- Facilitation of strategic planning, financial strategies, policy development and implementation
- Online and in-person learning: 346 workshops, webinars, presentations, etc. (2016).
- Public and school library standards
- Regional and statewide training

Colorado Talking Book Library

- Free audio, braille, and large print books for people who cannot read standard print.
- Reduction of 9% of budget and loss of 7 staff will severely compromise daily service
- Services to 6,500 active individual patrons and 536 organizations.
- Turnaround of 759,078 physical items and 65,293 digital downloads in FY2016.

Digital Collection & Technology Services

- Colorado Historic Newspapers – 900,000+ pages of free online historic newspapers
- Colorado Virtual Library – access to resources for library staff and the public, including the Book Club
- SWIFT – interlibrary loan platform for more than 300 libraries
- Website creation and hosting, *Plains to Peaks* DPLA hub, and FindIt mobile app.

Libraries in State Institutions

- Family literacy program for parents in state prisons to record books for their child(ren)
- Loss of 15,000 books, magazines to support education, literacy, and re-entry
- Loss of 7,981 donated books, magazines distributed to 16,000 students, veterans, patients, and prisoners
- Technical assistance and professional development to managers and 49 staff at 37 facilities

Library Research

- Data collection, analysis, and guidance in understanding data use in libraries
- Elimination of Library Research Service
- *Library Jobline* – The free service connecting libraries and job seekers
- Research Institute for Public Libraries (RIPL)

State Publications

- Provides free permanent public access to state government documents.
- Maintains collection of over 134,000 documents, circulating 196,147 print and digital items.
- Maintains digital repository and blog supporting 267,000 patron interaction annually
- Budget reduction and staff loss compromises government transparency and access to government information

What is IMLS¹

The Grants to States program is the largest source of federal funding support for library services in the U.S. Using a population based formula, more than \$150 million is distributed among the State Library Administrative Agencies (SLAAs, or state libraries) every year.

For more than 60 years, the Library Services and Technology Act Grants to States program and its predecessor programs have supported the delivery of library services in the U.S. Although the legislation has undergone numerous reauthorizations, the basic function of the program, which merges federal priorities with state-defined needs, continues to this day.

Approximately ten percent of grant funds in recent years have supported library services for the blind and physically handicapped. The program also meets the

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needs of the current and future library workforce. History of IMLS:

- 1956: Congress passed the Library Services Act (LSA), authorizing \$7.5 million annually for the extension and improvement of public library service in rural areas.
- 1962: LSA was reauthorized as the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA), removing restrictions that limited funding to rural libraries and adding funds for library remodeling or construction.
- 1996: Congress shifted LSCA to the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) as part of the Museum and Library Services Act, replacing funding for library construction with a focus on new information technologies.

¹ Source: IMLS State Grants to Libraries, <https://www.imls.gov/grants/grants-states>