

# Rhode Island's Library Community



## QUICK FACTS:

71 Public Libraries  
 6,489,776 Annual Circulation  
 6.13 Circulation Per Capita  
 100% Offer Free Wi-Fi



Rhode Island's libraries are institutions with programs and resources to help every Rhode Islander succeed. Our libraries are also digital anchors — connecting Rhode Islanders to computers and broadband, technology classes and expert, trusted staff.

**The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)** is the only federal program exclusively for libraries, administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Each state determines how best to use these grants based on local, not federal, priorities.

## LSTA funds are at work in libraries to:

Support **job seekers** and the local economy through career planning information, programs and services.



Provide **resources** and support for teenagers, parents of young children, the elderly, the business community and those facing homelessness. Libraries also serve veterans in re-entry to their communities.

Improve the **health literacy** in communities with workshops, skill-building and new resources.



Help **bridge the homework gap** and digital divide.

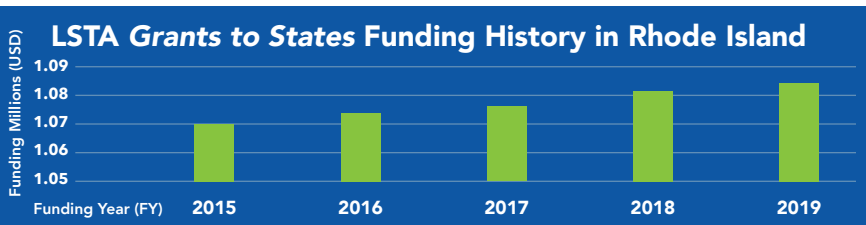


Develop and **stimulate** programs using new approaches and technologies.



Help community members **improve job skills** and retrain through technology centers.

Build targeted resources, classes and expertise to **advance small businesses** and boost entrepreneurship.



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